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FEARS OF TROUBLE AT SHANGHAI.

EXTRAORDINARY DEMANDS MADE AT CHANGSHA.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S VIEWS.

Latest news from various Yangtsze ports shows that foreign residents are in an increasingly precarious position, there being a marked development of anti-foreign feeling. The United States' Minister has ordered the total evacuation of all Americans, except Consuls, from all areas controlled by the Southern forces, including Hankow and Canton. The evacuation of British nationals is being left to the discretion of officials on the spot.

Further trouble is feared at Shanghai where big mass meetings are being held and anti-foreign propaganda is rampant. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and General Pai Ching-hsi were present yesterday at a meeting which demanded the immediate retrocession of the Shanghai Settlements and which also urged the calling of another general strike.

The residents of the French Concession at Shanghai are greatly alarmed at the turn of events and have asked that General Duncan be placed in charge of the defence arrangements.

Following a minor incident at Changsha, some extraordinary demands have been made on the British Consul, who, with other British subjects, will probably go aboard a British gunboat to be protected from further indignities and insults.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin, in an important declaration made to Press correspondents, says that the wavering policy of the Powers in yielding step by step to the Cantonese was partly responsible for the present crisis. He said there could be no peace with the South while Russians were in command.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 10.35 p.m.

To-day (Sunday) has passed off quietly, although there was trouble anticipated in view of the big mass meetings which were held in the native districts to-day regarding which the authorities took precautionary measures. The barriers everywhere have been strengthened and the French Concession was heavily patrolled, the defence forces manning the guns. No Chinese have been allowed to enter the International Settlement.

Reaction to the Nanking incident is discernible, anti-foreign posters appearing on the borders of the French Concession.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and General Pai Ching-hsi attended one of the meetings in the native city which passed a resolution demanding the immediate retrocession of the foreign Settlements in Shanghai, and advocating another general strike. Crowds afterwards demonstrated in the streets but no untoward incidents have been reported.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI TENSION.

Anti-Foreign Propaganda.

Shanghai, Mar. 28.

The strike is practically over, but anti-foreign propaganda is rampant.

A large demonstration took place yesterday in the French Concession boundary, but no trouble was caused.

Cruisers' Fight.

Two Chinese warships engaged in a naval action yesterday morning. The Haichi, from Tsingtao, fired on the Shanghai cruiser, Haichao, without effect. The two ships shelled one another for some time and H.M.S. Argus reports that the Haichi was struck four times.

The Haichi eventually turned tail, and made for the open sea, the cruiser giving chase. The combatants disappeared, but it was later reported that they were again fighting about forty miles from Woosung, with colours half-mast. The action caused no interference with shipping.

French Apprehensions.

It has been reported that the French intend to return their Concession to China, but this is not confirmed.

The foreign residents of the French Concession became apprehensive of the adequacy of the defensive arrangements and signed a petition asking that the arrangements be left in the control of Major General John Duncan, the British Commander-in-Chief. The French force is to be strengthened.

The Nanking Victims.

H.M.S. Dauntless and three steamers, carrying the wounded, the bodies of those killed at Nanking, and the foreigners evacuated from Nanking, arrived in Shanghai at 10 o'clock last night.—*Naval Wireless.*

ON THE YANGTSZE.

No Change at Hankow.

Hankow, Mar. 27.

There is no change in the situation to record.—*Naval Wireless.*

Nanking Quieter.

Nanking, Mar. 27.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has left for Shanghai. Things have quietened down considerably.—*Naval Wireless.*

Later.

There is no further news.—*Naval Wireless.*

Kiukiang Parley.

Kiukiang, Mar. 27.

Negotiations between the British and Chinese authorities for compensation for the commandeering of the British s.s. Kiang Wo are proceeding smoothly. The arms and ammunition which were on the vessel when control was recovered, will be surrendered by agreement with the Commissioner.—*Naval Wireless.*

Tense Atmosphere.

Ningpo, Mar. 27.

The atmosphere at Ningpo is tense, but up to the present everything is quiet. H.M.S. Keppel is remaining on the scene.—*Naval Wireless.*

Foreigners Leave Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, Mar. 27.

All foreigners have been evacuated in view of the serious situation here.

Silver Island fort and Kingyin are firing on all passing steamers.—*Naval Wireless.*

THE YANGTSZE UNREST.

A Precarious Position.

London, Mar. 27.

Though the position of the foreign communities at Nanking and Shanghai has been relieved owing to the presence of British and other forces, the latest information shows that foreigners are in an increasingly precarious position at various other places on the Yangtsze. The United States' Minister has ordered the total evacuation of all his nationals, except Consuls, from all areas controlled by the Southern forces including Hankow and Canton except, of course, Shanghai. The British Minister has left the evacuation of British nationals at the disturbed parts to the discretion of individual British officers, who he considers can alone judge the seriousness of the local situation and whom he had instructed to avoid causing injury to British interests entailed by evacuation unless that step is absolutely necessary.

At Kiukiang, American missionaries, women and children are already being evacuated. The General Commanding was approached by foreign representatives with regard to the safety of their nationals and the reply was unsatisfactory.

At Chinkiang, large crowds in the Concession have shown so ugly a mood that all foreigners are sleeping in British and American destroyers, and at installations, and as many as possible have been evacuated.—*British Wireless.*

FRICTION AT CHANGSHA.

Extraordinary Demands.

London, Mar. 27.

At Changsha, the Cantonese authority has made various extraordinary demands upon the British Consul in consequence of a trivial incident between two British bluejackets and a Chinese farmer.

Compensation is demanded for the Chinese farmer, who is alleged to have lost four teeth, but it is also demanded that the British bluejackets shall be handed over to the Chinese authorities to be punished with the utmost rigour of the law. It is further declared that the British Consul is, by international law, merely a foreigner and that the right of search and arrest over Consular premises will be exercised, while British gunboats will be treated as ordinary merchant vessels and, as such, made liable to search, arrest or expulsion.

The Naval authorities are investigating the incident between the bluejackets and the Chinese farmer, and Mr. Teichman, the British representative at Hankow, has made strong representations to Mr. Eugene Chen, Cantonese Foreign Minister, against the extraordinary communication of his official at Changsha. It is probable that the British Consul will go aboard the British gunboat in order to be protected from any possible further indignity and insult and that other British subjects will accompany him.—*British Wireless.*

A BRUTAL MURDER.

How Dr. Smith Was Killed.

London, Mar. 27.

Mr. Bertram Giles, the British Consul-General at Nanking, who was wounded during the troubles there and who is now aboard the British cruiser H.M.S. Emerald, is going on satisfactorily. The wound is through the thigh but it missed the bone and is not serious. Mrs. Giles is also aboard unhurt, but she and other foreigners suffered intolerable treatment and indignities.

It is stated that the murder of Dr. Sackville Smith at Nanking was particularly brutal. Dr Smith's finger was cut off to secure his ring, and then he was told he could go free, but on leaving his house he was shot dead. The reason given for his murder and that of Dr. Williams, President of the American University at Nanking, was that they attended to wounded Northern soldiers.—*British Wireless.*

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PEAK TRAM FARES INCREASE.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES THE REASON.

NEW CAR TESTS.

With regard to the increased fares on the Peak Tramway, we are informed by the general managers of the Company, Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son, that the increases are consequent upon the additional expenditure recently incurred by the Company in respect of new cars and improvements at the various stations.

The principal alteration found in the new scale of charges is that the price of the ordinary first-class monthly tickets is raised from $9 to $12. A year or two ago, the rates were $36 a quarter for men and $18 a quarter for women —$12 and $6 a month respectively. Later, prices were again changed, monthly tickets for both men and women being fixed at $9. This system was adopted as it was believed that the trams were being used more extensively by ladies.

Now the men's fares are to be increased from April 1st by $3 and the ladies' tickets also increased by a similar amount. It is pointed out, however, that passengers are now enabled to travel more comfortably on the cars and that the accommodation at the stations has been considerably improved. These improvements in the service, the cost of new cars, and the fact that the Company had a reduced revenue last year, are given as the reasons for the increase.

With regard to the new cars, passengers will have noticed that twelve seats are not in use and that the new cars are only carrying one more passenger than the old ones. When the cars were tested with a full load, it was found that the car was inclined to slip slightly when the brakes were applied. This was consequent upon the new type of car and showed the need for further adjustments and tests.

Tests are now being carried out so that the best possible results will be achieved, and in a short time the final adjustments will have been made so that the entire accommodation in the new cars can be utilised.

JURY SERVICE.

EXEMPTION REQUEST REFUSED.

Prior to the commencement of a case at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp K.C., said he understood that the jury who sat during the Sunning trial wished to make an application.

Mr. A. E. Bestram, the foreman, then came forward and asked, on behalf of himself and the other six jurors, for exemption.

His Lordship replied that he did not think he could accede to the request, as it was not in every capital case that exemption was given. The trial took three days. The gentlemen who served on that jury would not be called upon to serve again during the current year until all the other names of jurors had been drawn by the Registrar. The result was that they would probably not be called upon again until the next list came into operation. He would therefore decline to accede to the application.

HARDENED THIEF.

ANOTHER TERM IN GAOL.

A Chinese, who had been convicted for stealing on no less than six occasions within the last three years, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, charged with being in possession of ten yards of steam piping, believed to be stolen.

Defendant, who could give no explanation as to how he obtained the piping, was convicted. Before passing sentence, his Worship asked for the defendant's record, after scrutinising which he remarked:—"This appears to be your only way of earning a living."

Defendant, who had been in gaol for a greater part of the last three years, was ordered a further three months of that institution's hospitality.

CANTON LABOUR.

DISMISSAL ISSUE DECIDED.

SPECIAL TREATMENT CLAUSE.

In connexion with the dispute between workers and merchants over the right of the latter to discharge employees on the second day of the Lunar New Year, the Canton branch of the Political Council has definitely fixed six regulations to effect a settlement, says the *Canton Gazette.*

The regulations will be enforced by the Provincial Government through the Department of Peasantry and Labour, and are as follows:

Merchants may exercise their right to hire or dismiss their employees on one day in every year, such day [illegible] by the Government to be the [illegible]d day of the Lunar New Year; [illegible] if any shop is accustomed to observe some other date the shopowner is at liberty to keep to its practice.

Extra Wages.

Two months' extra wages and food allowance may be claimed by workers when dismissed on the date fixed. New workers may only be employed from the labour union to which the dismissed worker belonged, and may not be paid a lower wage.

When business is declining, and a shop is compelled to close, the dismissed workers may claim one month's extra wages when notice has been given to the labour union to which the workers belong. The union to have right to investigate the case to see that the shop is really losing money: if not the union many protest. In case of reducing the number of workers, the dismissed may claim two months' extra wages and food allowances.

Labour Union Exemptions.

Workers who are labour union officers are not subject to dismissal during his term of office, and one year following, on condition that no misconduct or neglect of duty occurs. Labour union officials may ask for 30 days' leave in a year on business for the union, but not more, (public holidays excepted) during his term of office in the union.

Any agreement made in the past between shop-owners and employees in connexion with the hire and dismissal of employees will continue in force; but if no definite arrangement is made that even Rule 1 may not be applied, merchants will have the right to hire and dismiss their men on the second day of the Lunar New Year.

Contracts between merchants and workers must be confirmed by the merchants' union and the labour union concerned.

Official Intimation.

A dispatch has been sent to the various merchant bodies and labour unions by the Branch Council stating: "The pending dispute not only causes trouble to merchants and workers but also hinders the progress of the civil administration in the province. The Council, being the political administrative organisation in the province, therefore has a duty to settle the dispute. Having consulted with various merchant bodies and labour unions we have decided on six regulations (as stated above) which we have given much thought to, so as to be just and equitable to both sides. It is hoped that all merchants and workers will understand and act accordingly."

CANTON OFFICIAL.

LABOUR CHIEF RESIGNS.

Mr. Chan Fu-mok, the Canton Commissioner of Labour, has tendered his resignation twice owing to the opposition shown him by General Li Chai-sum, the military chief.

Mr. Chan, who is a staunch supporter of the labour Reds, recently gained his office by the assistance of the Workers' Congress. He is said to have greatly displeased General Li Chai-sum recently in having sided with the labour unionists in the labour-merchants' dispute. His resignation will most probably be accepted by the Provincial Government, of which General Li is the chairman.

NEW TERRITORIES DISCOVERY.

CORPSE OF MAN FOUND BURIED.

SUSPECT STABS HIMSELF.

Recently, a villager disappeared from Ting Kok, in the New Territories, and the circumstances giving rise to the suspicion of foul play, the police were notified.

Enquiries took the police officers to a hut occupied by another villager, and as they entered, the latter took up a dagger and stabbed himself. Although serious, the injuries were not fatal, and the man is now lying at the Government Civil Hospital, awaiting examination.

It transpires that during the week-end, in a search for the missing man, the police went to a patch of ground near the village, where earth, which appeared to have been freshly turned over, was cleared away, to disclose the corpse of the missing man. It bore a number of wounds apparently having been inflicted with a dagger.

The deceased was a hawker, and was also assistant caretaker at the joss-house of the hamlet.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT.

TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES FINED.

Over the week-end, the police, on information received, raided No. 8, Russell Street, and arrested sixteen employees of the Hongkong Tramway Company who were huddled around a table playing *pai kau.* This morning twelve of the men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, and, on their pleading guilty, were fined $3 each. The remaining four, who failed to appear, estreated their bail of $5.

The principal tenant of the house, a Chinese woman, was charged with keeping a gambling house. Sergeant Rozeskwy told his Worship that she was seen at the time of the raid, standing near the table with a small box in her hands which contained $3 odd. He thought this must be commission paid by the gamblers.

The woman said that the money found in the box was commission but it was not intended for her. The gamblers paid five or ten cents out of every game towards their "chow" to be served later on.

His Worship imposed a fine of $50 on the woman.

KIDNAPPED MAN RETURNS.

TELLS OF COMPANION'S DEATH.

One of the two villagers taken from Tai-O by bandits in the recent daring raid they carried out from over the border, unexpectedly turned up in the Colony during the week-end, and his first call was made on the police to whom he has related a very thrilling story of his experiences.

He said that, with his companion, he was taken to the bandits' lair and kept in confinement on the top of a mountain. Having lost all bearings, he was unable to state where this encampment was, but when the opportunity came of effecting an escape, he struck out on a bee-line for the seashore, as being the safest direction to take. He found an empty boat drawn up on the beach, and in this rowed away towards the sea until picked up by a passing craft.

The man's companion has died in captivity, from the many hardships to which he was subjected.

MARINE COURT.

MINOR CASES THIS MORNING.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut.-Commdr. G. F. Hole, a number of minor cases were heard, dealing generally with breaches of Harbour Regulations. All the accused pleaded guilty.

The master of a fishing boat was fined $10, or 10 days, for using drags and grapplings in the Naval Anchorage without permission.

A trading junk master was fined $5, or five days, for anchoring in the Causeway Bay Shelter, without permission.

"HAD TO FIRE."

SINGAPORE AFFAIR INQUEST.

EYE-WITNESS' ACCOUNT.

The inquest was continued in the Criminal District Court on Friday afternoon, before the acting Coroner (Colonel J. H. Tyte) and a jury consisting of two Europeans and three leading Chinese residents, into the deaths of six Chinese who were killed in the shooting affair in front of Kreta Ayer police station on the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The whole of the afternoon's hearing was occupied with the examination of Mr. Oliver Thompson, Traffic Superintendent of Singapore Tramways, who was an eye-witness of the incident at Kreta Ayer station.

Procession of Children.

He said that when he arrived the crowd was howling, shouting, waving flags and behaving in a boisterous manner. The procession was then composed more or less of small boys.

The Coroner: You don't mean children?—I do, sir.

Mr. Seth: Up to what age?—From eight to fifteen years.

The mass of Chinese, continued witness, who were making the noise, were not marching. They had collected when the procession stopped. Nothing could move and it was one mass of people.

Mr. Seth: Could you estimate the numbers?—I should think there were over 300 on South Bridge Road side, on the Tanjong Pagar side 100 to 150, which was light compared with the others. They seemed to me to be more or less spectators. Continuing, he said that he noticed among the mass eight or twelve of the student class, with flags and banners, who were behaving in a very rowdy manner. They were causing many of the others to shout and howl.

The traffic, said the witness, attempted to move towards the city, and a howl went up and the crowd went for the vehicles, and slashed at them with their sticks and canes. None of the weapons looked deadly.

Trouble Likely.

When he saw that, he was satisfied that trouble was likely to arise. They absolutely refused to allow the traffic to pass.

Witness was standing in the middle of the roadway on the Tanjong Pagar side of the crossing. As the procession was moving towards Singapore he was confident things would get worse.

He looked around to see if there were any police inspectors or officers but could see no one. He felt it was his duty to go to the nearest telephone to inform the Central Police station and leave it with them.

When he re-entered the station, the native police congregated in the doorway looking out. He could not say whether they were armed at the time or not.

Witness picked up the telephone book to see if he could find anyone else. Whilst he was there the men upstairs came running down the stairs. They were not in uniform. They took hold of rifles and batons.

There was no European there at the time and he could not say who was in charge. They felt that trouble was coming, and he had the same feeling.

He saw ammunition on the table and the men helping themselves. He did not actually see any rifles loaded, being more concerned with the telephone at the time.

Inspector Dale Injured.

Just at that moment Inspector Dale came rushing into the station bleeding profusely from a wound in the back of the head. He was in mufti. Witness placed him in a chair and saw he was in a very bad condition.

He (Mr. Dale), threw himself into the station and was in a fainting condition. The native police then rushed out armed with rifles and batons.

Witness remained with Inspector Dale for about a minute, and then walked to the doorway. He saw the armed men standing with their rifles ready round the station. Their bayonets were fixed. He could only see two with batons.

Witness then marked the position on a plan where a constable in plain clothes was lying on the floor being beaten. He was striking out with his baton, to keep the crowd away. He was a Bengali. One Chinese was belabouring him with a wooden chair, and another was hitting him with a stool. It was a good 7 lbs.

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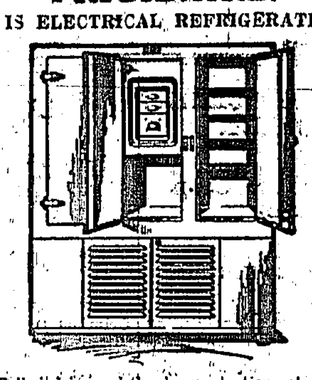

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SEDITION CASE.

CHINESE STUDENT'S STORY IN LONDON.

"The British Soldier who has just killed people at Hankow again committed a great massacre at Kiuklang. Our fellow countrymen rise and extinguish them. The tragic scene of over 3,000 of our countrymen drowned as a consequence of a British gunboat sinking a merchant ship."

These highly seditious statements and other similar objectionable literature led to the charges of possession of seditious matter being brought against a Chinese named Cheung Sun-lun, a student of the Chung San University of Canton, who was before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday morning.

The defendant, who was prosecuted by Mr. C. G. Perdue, was charged with possession of thirteen posters of a highly seditious nature, possession of 33 newspapers, 59 periodicals, 93 pamphlets and 19 posters and with importing newspapers containing matter other than *bona fide* trade advertisements, without permission from the S. C. A.

Arrest at Station.

Describing the circumstances of the case, Mr. Perdue said that at 7.45 p.m. on March 20, a party of detectives were on search duty at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station. Sergeant Goodwin, who was in charge of the searchers, was shown a basket which the defendant claimed as being his property. On being searched the basket was found to contain a large quantity of books and other literature. Specimens of the literature, were given to the official translator and as a result, the defendant was charged.

Mr. Perdue pointed out the seriousness of the charge and asked, if a conviction were registered, for imprisonment without the option of a fine. He laid stress on the large number of copies of the same poster, which was significant that they were for distribution and not for personal perusal.

Referring to the defendant's entire stock of books, Mr. Perdue said that there were some which would have been passed if submitted, as being legitimate literature, but all those documents mentioned in the charges would not have been passed by the Censor.

The defendant was in possession of a French travelling permit issued at Hongkong, which showed that he had been in the Colony on at least two previous occasions, if not more.

Cartoons.

The evidence was then called. A Chinese interpreter of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs testified to the translations of the documents and referring to a book said that it was a copy of the *Young China*.

Asked the nature of the contents, witness said that there was an article entitled "The Art of Fighting," while another referred to the new era of National Freedom.

The posters bore pictures of numerous incidents on the Yangtsze, one being a cartoon of a tiger equipped in the military outfit of a British soldier clawing a fallen Chinese. Another was an alleged picture of the ramming of a merchant ship by a British gunboat.

The Hankow incident is also given prominence, a party of bluejackets being seen charging a crowd of Chinese with their rifles.

Other pictures appealed to the Chinese to rise and extinguish the *Britishers*.

The defendant on being convicted of the charges was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the first, three on the second and two on the third, the terms being consecutive.

TROOPS CONCERTS.

PUBLIC'S CO-OPERATION REQUESTED.

Owing to the greatly increased number of sailors and soldiers now in the Colony a special appeal is being made by the Naval and Military Y. M. C. A. for support in providing entertainments for them.

A General Entertainment Committee has been formed and already is at work. This General Committee consists of Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland, T. G. Weall, W. L. Pattenden, J. L. McPherson, R. Sutherland, R. M. Dyer, W. A. Hannibal, L. E. Hopkins, R. A. C. Abbey, J. H. Hunt, Rev. Railton, Capt. Perfect, Lt. Garrett, R.N., and H. T. Buxton (Hon. Secretary). Mr. J. H. Hunt is the Chairman, pro tem.

It has been decided to hold regular entertainments in the various Y.M.C.A. centres and in other places when advisable. To do this it would be necessary to have a sub-committee formed of those interested and for a list to be drawn up of all residents in the Colony who would be willing to assist at these entertainments.

Lectures on China?

The General Committee has appointed an Entertainment Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Sutherland. The first meeting of this body was held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room on Thursday when a large attendance gave good promise of the keen interest taken in this project.

Mr. J. H. Hunt, Secretary of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., thanked those present for rallying round the Association in the work it was trying to do for the Servicemen. As the numbers of both the Navy and Army in the Colony would be greatly increased for at least a year it was necessary to secure the co-operation of everybody interested in entertainments in order that all possible talent might be available. It would be very difficult to cater for all these men for such a long period and careful plans would have to be made to set up an organisation to cope with the problem.

Mr. Hunt then gave an outline of the stationing of the troops when they returned from Fanling. In addition to entertainments it would be desirable to secure some good lectures, especially on the subject of China. It might be difficult to talk of the China political situation but it would be quite practicable to have lectures on Chinese history, manners and customs. The serious as well as the humorous side must be kept in mind.

Broadcasting Possible.

List of ladies and gentlemen who might be able to help at concerts were then compiled from names suggested by those present. Lists of small orchestras were similarly made.

The Naval and Military representatives present promised to secure lists of men willing to entertain their comrades.

The Chairman, Mr. R. Sutherland, said that, with the assistance of experts, the possibilities of broadcasting from a special studio were being carefully considered. The whole question was being dealt with by a special committee and a report would shortly be submitted to the General Entertainment Committee.

In addition to several members of the General Committee the following gentlemen have kindly consented to serve on the Entertainment Sub-Committee; Messrs. F. White, V. C. Labrum, Geo. Duncan, H. J. Fountain, O. Eager, A. N. Lucey, Geo. Grimble, J. W. Baldwin, R. H. Charles, W. R. Fleming, G. H. Potts, R. A. Brown, H. McTavish, J. A. Bullock, R. M. Keown, E. A. Howell, W. E. Price, A. E. Stone, L. M. King, T. B. Rolland, D. Tollan, A. J. Chesterton, W. Baxter, Major Miles, Eng. Lt. Com. A. S. Bedells, Major Macready, Lt. Hargreaves Brown, and Mr. T. V. Harmon, Hon. Secretary.

First Concert Arranged.

This Committee is anxious to receive the assistance of all who are willing to assist at entertainments and would be grateful to receive names and addresses which could be forwarded to the Chairman, Mr. R. Sutherland, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., or the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. V. Harmon, Y. M. C. A. Kowloon.

It was made quite clear to all present at this meeting that this special work among the Servicemen was quite distinct from the civilian Y. M. C. A. The services of the Secretaries were being given at no charge to the Naval and Military Y. M. C. A. account and all money subscribed for this work was dealt with in a special banking account. The goods are sold in the centres at a very low percentage of profit having regard to the occasional unexpected surpluses of stock. The accounts were being audited by a qualified auditor.

The hearty co-operation of all the residents in the Colony is urged in this great effort to help the thousands of men who have come to live amongst us.

The first Entertainment arranged by the Committee will be given in the new Y. M. C. A. Peking Road, Kowloon, on Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock. All Service men are cordially invited to attend.

SOVIET LIE.

TELEGRAM NOT PURPOSELY HELD UP.

Shanghai, March 26.

With reference to the Riga message of Friday, Reuter is informed that there is no question of refusing delivery to telegrams. The position is that it is physically impossible to do outside the Settlement boundaries owing to the difficulties and dangers of passing the barriers and the chaos outside. There will be a resumption of the delivery service as soon as it is physically possible.—*Reuter.*

[The Riga message in question stated:—According to messages from Moscow the telegraph office at Shanghai has informed the Soviets of its inability to deliver the Red Trade Union International's telegram congratulating the Shanghai workers, owing to street fighting. The message was broadcast especially for the benefit of Soviet workers. It suggests that the British telegraph officials in Shanghai purposely refrained from delivery the telegram.]

ARMS FOR CHINA.

CHINESE STUDENT SENT TO PRISON.

London, March 26.

Tang Leang-li, a Chinese student and a member of the London branch of the Kuomintang, told a representative of the *Morning Post* an extraordinary story of how he was approached in London by a mysterious stranger, claiming to be an Irishman, who was prepared to sell to "those fighting for freedom against the British" tanks, submarines, aeroplanes, artillery, and other war material valued at two million sterling. He suggested that a yacht must be bought and chartered to take goods to China. He wanted an Indian crew on board "because they could be trusted."

Tang Leang-li refused to have any dealings with the stranger, but had been constantly telephoned asking him to meet the stranger again.

Sydney, March 26.

H.M.S. Renown, with Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York on board, has arrived here.—*Reuter.*

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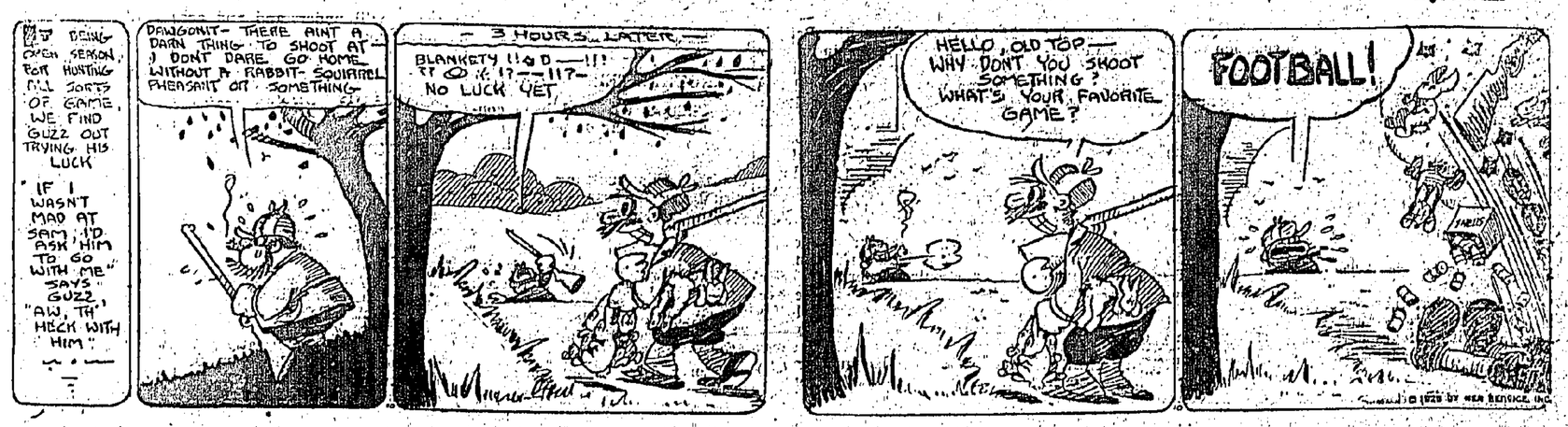
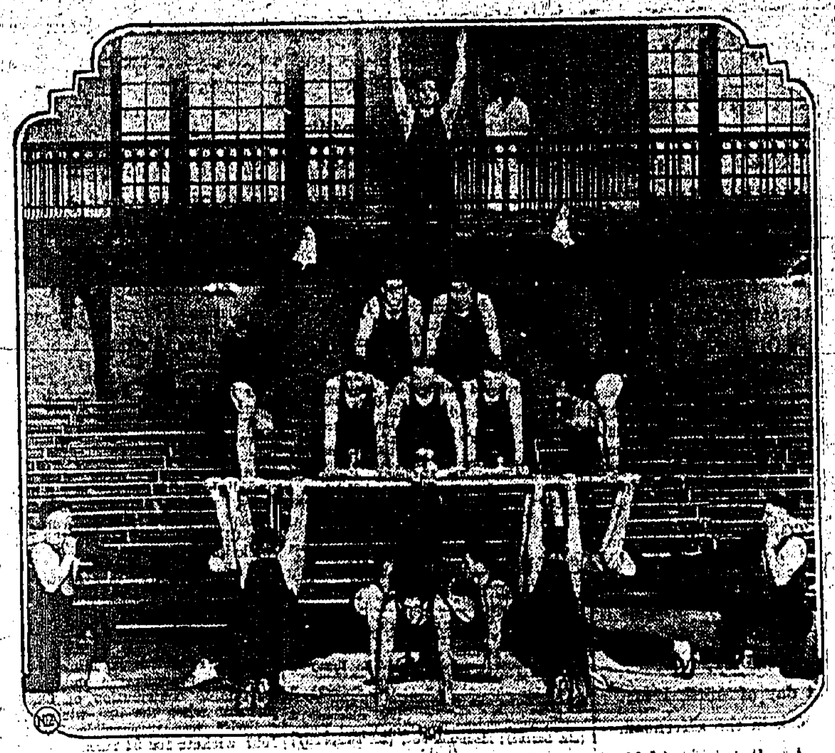
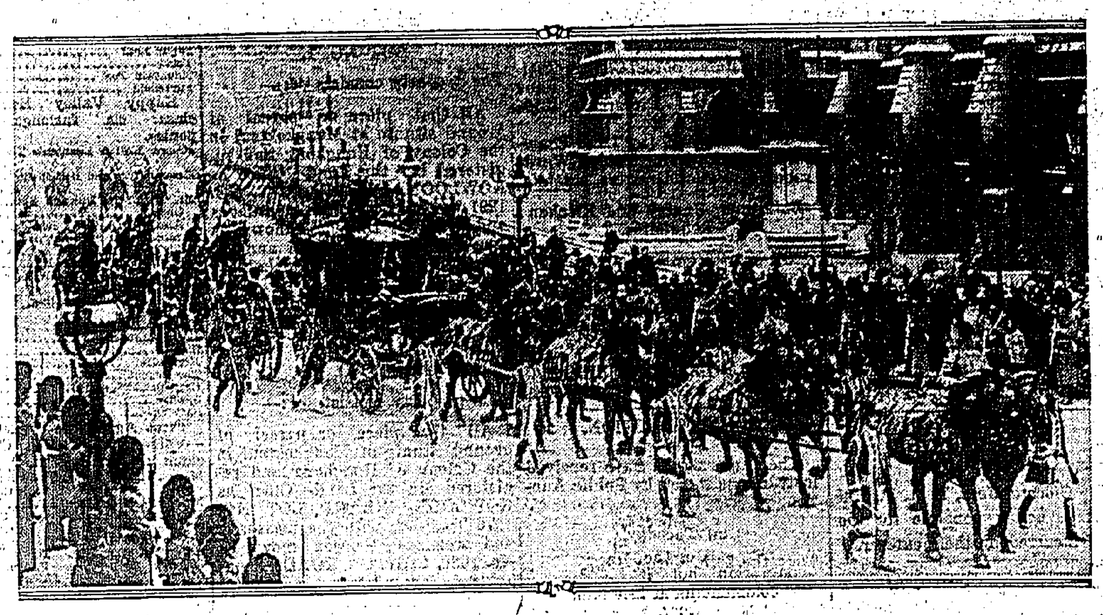




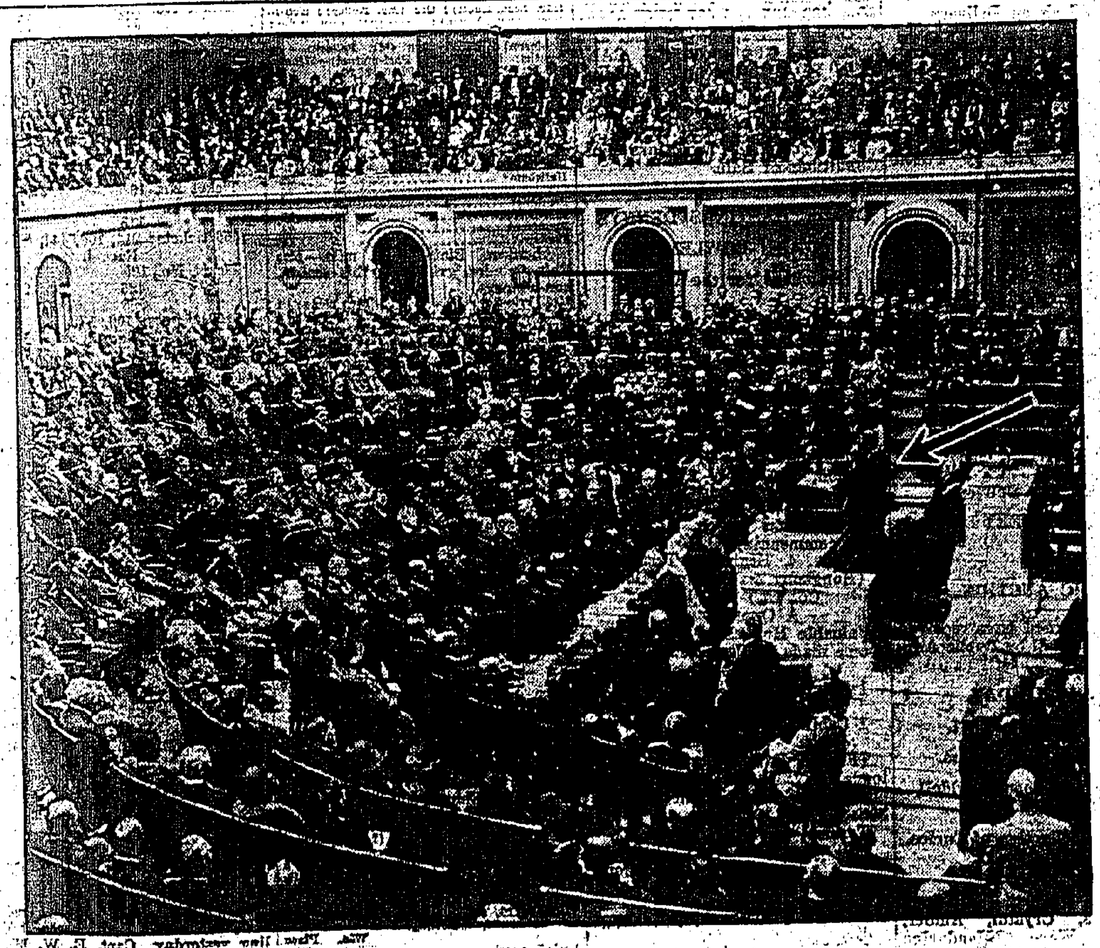
AMERICAN NAVAL CADETS.—A gymnastic tableau by midshipmen at the Annapolis Naval Academy—just another form of work-out in the daily dozens they do at the academy gym.

BEAUTIFUL DANCER.—Mlle. Codreano, beautiful Parisian dancer, recently gave an exhibition of solo Charleston at the Rumanian Embassy in Paris. Prince Carol, ex-heir to the Rumanian throne, was among those who saw it and was very much interested.

MR. WAKATSUKI.—The Prime Minister of Japan broadcasting the Imperial Rescript of the new Emperor. A commemoration service for the late Emperor was held in Westminster Abbey, London, on February 9. (*Times* copyright).



THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.—In their State coach, drawn by eight horses, King George and Queen Mary pass through the London streets on their way to attend the opening of Parliament. Guardsmen, police, and crowds lined the route.



ADDRESSING CONGRESS.—This picture of the American Congress was taken while President Coolidge was delivering his Washington's Birthday speech that was heard around the world. The address was radioed all over the U.S. and relayed across the Atlantic for re-broadcasting in Europe. The photograph shows the President before the microphone, with the justices of the supreme court and cabinet members seated out in front. Chief Justice Taft, ex-president, is prominent among the justices, who wear their official robes. Many other notables easily can be recognised. The scene was the House of Representatives, where the House and Senate met in joint session.

FETE RULERS.—When the cities of south America greet the spring with the ancient festival of Mardi Gras, kings and queens are chosen from among the loyal subjects of Frollo. Here are Miss Dorothy Tonsmeire and Mr. Wright Smith, rulers of this year's fete at Mobile, Alabama.

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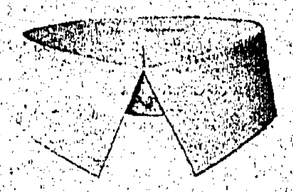

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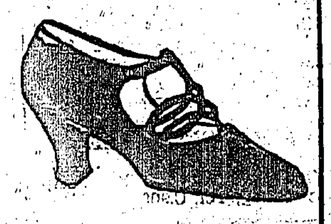

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TO LET.—On Second floor of No. 80B, Nathan Road, Kowloon. A Flat of four rooms. Apply Secretary, A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.

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LOST.

LOST.—Yesterday, March 25th between 3.30 and 4 p.m. between the Peak Hotel and the Hongkong Hotel, a lady's Chinese gold bracelet. Will finder communicate with Mr. J. Muir, Customs Office.

NAVY LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the above will be held on Tuesday, 29th inst. at 5.30 p.m. in the boardroom of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the report of the Committee and statement of Accounts for the past year.
(2) To elect the officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(3) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 23, 1927.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

THE 38th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 22nd March, 1927, until Wednesday, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1927.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
And
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The Steamship

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from *NEW YORK* via *MANILA*. are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 28th March.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extents.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th April will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 18th April or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
—Agents.

28th March, 1927.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA LINE.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship,

"PSURUGU MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd April, 1927, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage Period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong March 27, 1927.

G. R.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified under Section 125 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance No. 40 of 1912 that the Scavenging Lane, situated between the houses erected on K.I.L. No. 1652, and running parallel and between Nathan Road and Sai Yeung Choi Street, is closed temporarily until further notice.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1927.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on and after May 1st, 1927, the following prices will be charged on Monthly Tickets and Coupons.

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NOTICE.

BUICK MOTOR CAR.

The drawing for the above Car has been postponed and will take place on 1st Floor of the Realty and Trust Building, at 6.00 p.m. on 29th April 1927.

F. M. CRAWFORD.

NOTICE.

The Officers Mess, R. A. F., Kai Tak, are not responsible for the debts incurred by their caterer.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We beg to inform our Customers that we have this day removed to the First Floor in the "Asiatic Building" Queen's Road Central.

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Hongkong, 28th March, 1927.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road C., Hongkong, on 31st March, 1927, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 31st March, 1927, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 29th March, 1927, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927, (both days inclusive).

By Order,
of the Board of Directors
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY:

the 28th March, 1927,

commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

including:—

China, Hongkong & Broken Crown.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Saturday, the 26th March, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY.

the 28th March, 1927,

commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 5, Queen's Garden, May Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Upholstered Sofas, Chairs, Cabinets, Dining Room Suite by Lane Crawford Ltd., Pictures, Rugs, Electrical Gear, etc.

Teak Bedstead (by Lane Crawford, Ltd). Dressing Tables, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, etc., etc.

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On View from Sunday, the 27th March, 1927.

Catalogues will be issued.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Tuesday,

the 29th March, 1927,

commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Furniture at Humphrey's Building.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)

On view from noon, Monday, the 28th March, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 30th March, 1927,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 538, Nathan Road, Top Floor, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

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LAMMERT BROS.
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 31st March, 1927,
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at No. 4, Highburh Terrace, (Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Lt.) Hunghom.

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1 Cabinet Gramophone with Records.

(Further Particulars from Catalogue).

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Mar. 24, 1927.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.

If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

SATURDAY'S RACES.

MANY SURPRISES.

Excellent weather conditions favoured the first Extra Race Meeting of the season, held at Happy Valley on Saturday, when some fine sport was witnessed. There were several surprises, with the result that some good dividends were paid. The band of the K.O.S.B.'s was present, and the general arrangements were all that could be desired. The afternoon's results were:

Happy Valley Handicap: "A" Class: six furlongs.—For China Ponies.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Total Abstinence, (Mr. Roldy) 1
Mr. R. M. Austin's Home Call, (Mr. Pollock) 2
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight, (Mr. Gordon) 3

Also ran:—King of Troy, (Mr. da Rosa) Sunburst Rose, (Dr. McGown), Grande del Norte, (Mr. Wong). Time: 1.38.3/5. 4 lengths; ½ length. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $59.50, Places $15.10, $8.80, $08.40.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Grande del Norte	276	294
King of Troy	120	211
Home Call	101	258
Sunburst Rose	85	207
Total Abstinence	48	99
Grey Knight	6	11

March Stakes: five furlongs.—for China ponies.

Mr. Dynasty's King Alan, (Mr. da Rosa) 1
Mrs. R. M. Austin's Pottenbuah (Mr. Pollock) 2
Messrs. Tester and Abraham's Bing Boy, (Mr. Stanton) 3

Also ran:—Festive Eve, (Mr. Wong) Yorks, (Mr. Skrine); Mountain Fox, (Dr. Macgown); Fire Call (Mr. Gordon); Sugar Loaf, (Mr. Wallace); Furzefield (late Smoke Call), (Mr. Sewell); Lochabor. (Mr. Roldy); Scooter. (Lt. Bultcel). Time: 1.10.2/5. 1 length; a neck. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $50.80; Places $6.10, $5.50, $6.60.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Pottenbuah	494	618
Bing Boy	86	101
Festive Eve	75	131
King Alan	74	203
Scooter	63	83
Lochabor	21	23
Fire Call	7	38
Sugar Loaf	6	15
Yorks	5	19
Mountain Fox	5	17
Furrefield	1	11

Happy Valley Handicap: "B" class: six furlongs.—for China ponies.

Messrs. Hall & Shanton's The Goblin, (Mr. Pollock) 1
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, (Mr. da Roza) 2
Mr. D. U. N. Downs's Spectre (late The Ghost), (Mr. Stanton) 3

Also ran:—The Regent, (Lt. Bultcel) Saracen, (Lt. Shillington); Rechabite (Mr. Roldy); Grey Streak, (Mr. Gordon); Salvo (Mr. Wong). Time: 1.35.3/5. 2½ lengths; 3 lengths. Parimutuel:—Winner $10.30; Places $6.10, $7.00, $14.40.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
The Goblin	388	514
Loch Rannoch	139	209
Salvo	74	111
Rechabite	69	134
The Regent	61	89
Grey Streak	36	77
Spectre	33	55
Saracen	27	52

First Aggregate Stakes: one mile.—Value $500. For all China ponies, catch weights at 10st. 9 lb.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's Saligia, (Mr. Gordon) 1
Mr. Evo's Misty Eve, (Mr. Wong) 2
Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call, (Mr. Pollock) 3

Also ran:—Grey Morn. (Mr. Roldy) Attaboy. (Mr. Stanton). Time: 2.07.3/5. 2½ lengths; 2 lengths. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $15.50; Places $7.40, $6.60.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Misty Eve	564	482
Saligia	393	321
Brigade Call	265	259
Attaboy	121	138
Grey Morn	21	43

Polo Pony Scurry: three furlongs.—For bona fide polo ponies approved by the Committee of the Hongkong Polo Club.

Black Mouse .....(Mr. Abel-Smith) 1
Stripes .....(Mr. Mattingley) 2
Reynolds .....(Mr. Stanton) 3

Also ran:—Urgent (Mr. Roldy) Hallsham (Mr. Scott-Elliott); Cra (Mr. Keller); Koh-I-Noor (Mr. Welch); Pepperpot (Mr. Ede); Pessimist (Mr. Shillington); Perhaps (Mr. Robinson); James Pigg (Mr. Pollock). 2 lengths; 3 lengths. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $56.30; Places $12.00, $7.10, $6.90.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Reynolds	282	801
Stripes	204	264
Urgent	122	228
James Pigg	55	63
Black Mouse	33	75
Hallshnm	21	32
Cra	20	33
Pessimist	18	23
Koh-I-Noor	11	23
Pepperpot	7	24
Perhaps	6	19

Aberdeen Plate: one mile.—For China ponies, griffins of this season, non-winners.

Mrs. Priestley's Espoir, ...(Mr. Wong) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's August, (Lt. Bultcel) 2
Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Soapy Sponge (late The Ghoul), ...(Mr. Pollock) 3

Also ran:—Shady Joe (Mr. Wallace); Bright Eve, (Mr. Stanton). Time: 2.10. A neck; 2 lengths. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $8.10. Places $6.80, $15.60.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Espoir	721	727
Bright Eve	360	252
Soapy Sponge	284	248
August	36	24
Shady Joe	21	20

Stanley Stakes: one mile.—For China ponies, subscription griffins of this season.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Skidoo, (Lt. Bultcel) 1
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle, (Mr. Pollock) 2
Messrs. Comyn and Bell's Borderer (Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran:—Bngheera (Mr. Stanton) Kom Tong Hall, (Mr. da Roza); The Grig, (Mr. Gordon); Circe, Mr. Sewell. Time: 2.13 1/5. 1 length; 4 lengths. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $11.60; Places $6.00, $6.80, $14.10.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Skidoo	500	606
Kom Tong Hall	351	295
Tangle	281	348
Bnaheera	80	146
The Grig	82	81
Borderer	10	11
Circe	4	23

Wanchai Handicap: "B" class: 1¼ miles.—For China ponies.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel (Mr. Roldy) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin, (Lt. Bultcel) 2
Mr. J. B. A. Hankey's Saracen (Mr. Shillington) 3

Also ran:—Furrefield (late Smoke Call), (Mr. Sewell). Time: 2.46.4/5. A neck; many lengths. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $8.10; Places $5.10, $5.10.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
Loch Tummel	758	771
Dobbin	585	210
Saracen	82	56
Furrefield	24	85

Wanchai Handicap: "A" class 1¼ miles.—For China ponies.

Spotted Sand, ... 22 20
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele, (Lt. Bultcel) 1
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gemeril (Mr. Pollock) 2
Mr. Evo's Battle Eve, ...(Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran:—Barley Grass, (Mr. da Roza) King of the Plains, (Mr. Chun); Sunburst Rose, (Dr. Mcgown) Spotted Sand, (Mr. Wallace). Time: 2.44. 1½ lengths; a neck. Pari-mutuel:—Winner $64.70; Places $7.90, $5.60, $5.70.

Betting.

	Win.	Place
The Gemeril	494	489
Battle Eve	473	545
Barley Grass	115	209
Ukelelo	89	126
King of the Plains	51	115
Sunburst Rose	26	42

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CHAMPIONS PLAY THE REST.

The champions of both Leagues met the Rest on Saturday, the players of the two winning teams showing good form. The seniors playing a strong combined team drew on the Kowloon Cricket Club's own ground, while the Indians won their match on the Hongkong C. C. ground.

Kowloon v. Rest.

After a very unpromising start, the Rest, batting first, declared at 175 for the loss of eight wickets. Fincher contributed 55, Mudar 48 and Snyer 37. Goodwin was again in form with the ball, taking five wickets for 41 runs.

The Kowloon batsmen made every effort to force a win and were on the point of scoring the necessary runs when the match was stopped by failing light. Bruce gave a capital display, scoring 95 without being defeated. When stumps were drawn the Champions had made 156 for five wickets.

Indian R. C. v Rest.

Batting first on the Hongkong C.C. ground, the champions of the second division made a very poor start losing their first five wickets for less than 60 runs. A. K. Minu, however, going in towards the end, made an invaluable contribution of 53, being not out when the last wicket fell.

Swift was responsible for taking four wickets for 34 runs.

The Rest fared badly against the I. R. C. bowling and were all dismissed for 97 runs. Alves and Lacey almost played out time but misjudging the flight of the ball five minutes before time for drawing stumps, Lacey was run out.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Civil Service v. Hermes.

With several of their players absent, the Civil Service were defeated by a team from H.M.S. Hermes. The visitors batted first and made 193 (Lieut. Brewerton, 51, F/O Brookman 49, and Lieut. Garnons-Williams 30. Evans took six wickets for 45 runs. The Civil Service replied with 170 (Holdman 42, Baker 33 and Grimmitt 31). Pugh took four wickets for 30.

Recreio v. Volunteers.

On the Club de Recreio ground the home team entertained the Volunteers, who won by 22 runs in a very low scoring match. The Portuguese team took first knock and compiled only 56 runs. Wales took eight wickets for 28 runs. The Volunteers made 78 (Orr 29). McKay captured seven wickets for 39 runs.

Hongkong Electric Match.

The administration staff of the Hongkong Electric Company met the technical staff on the Indian R. C. ground, the match resulting in a victory for the former by 20 runs. The administration employees knocked up 159 (Wahab 81 and Dunbar 32). Abbas took six wickets for 64 runs. The technical staff replied with 139 (Abbas 47, Mohamed 33 and Normington 22). Way took six wickets for 48.

CASH SWEEPS.

SATURDAY'S LUCKY NUMBERS.

Race 1.
Ticket No. 134 $940.80
" 323 268.80
" 4 134.40
$50 tickets: 93, 105, 141.

Race 2.
Ticket No. 287 $1,106.00
" 318 316.00
" 292 158.00
$50 tickets: 23, 91 69, 199, 249, 98, 379, 156.

Race 3.
Ticket No. 16 $1,418.90.
" 1 405.40
" 113 202.70
$50 tickets: 214, 108, 444, 555, 260.

Race 4.
Ticket No. 169 $3,318.70
" 426 948.20
" 508 474.10
$100 tickets: 106, 122.

Race 5.
Ticket No. 90 $1,719.90
" 5 491.40
" 607 245.70
$50 tickets: Nos.: 554, 382, 648, 41, 179, 244, 386, 45.

Race 6.
Ticket No. 425 $1,687.70
" 138 482.20
" 92 241.10
$50 tickets: 529, 486.

Race 7.
Ticket No. 467 $1,605.10
" 210 458.60
" 308 229.30
$50 tickets: 430, 204, 31, 457.

Race 8.
Ticket No. 354 $1,643.60
" 290 469.60
" 401 234.80
$50 ticket: 262.

Race 9.
Ticket No. 192 $1,699.60
" 193 485.60
" 516 242.80
$50 tickets: 358, 318, 269, 534.

GOLF.

FINAL OF MEN'S FOURSOMES.

In the final of the men's foursomes competition on the old course at Fanling yesterday Capt. E. W. Morris (9) and D. G. Bruce (10) beat T. L. Christie (9) and D. J. Gilmore (14) by 2 up, after a very keen and interesting match.

BIGGER DIVIDEND.

INSURANCE COMPANY PROSPERITY.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

A surplus of over half a million dollars was reported at the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and it was announced that the balance standing at credit of the 1926 working account on December 31st was $670,786.68, constituting a record in the history of the Company.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was in the chair, and there were also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. H. P. White (consulting committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (secretary), Messrs. C. S. Remedios, Ho Leung, A. H. M. da Silva, J. Arnold, R. L. Bridger, G. V. Osmund, P. Tester, D. V. Steavenson, P. Plage and J. H. Taggart (shareholders).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, before commencing the business of this Meeting I wish to record the deep regret of your general managers and consulting committee at the death of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., which occurred on the 27th May last year. Sir Paul Chater first took his seat on the consulting committee in the year 1886, and during the subsequent period of 40 years he devoted much care and attention to the welfare of this Company, contributing largely to its present state of prosperity.

The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

Comparative Figures.

The result of our operations for the year 1925, now under review, has, I am pleased to say, again been successful, the account having been run off with a credit balance of $529,101.49, which figure compares very favourably with those of preceding years. The premium income and interest show the substantial increases of $70,000 and $30,000 respectively. The ratio of losses is somewhat higher at 47.10 per cent. as against 43.25 per cent. for the year 1924, while that for charges is approximately the same, viz:—38.72 per cent. as against 38.51 per cent. for the previous twelve months.

The balance standing at credit of the working account for 1926 is $670,786.68 which constitutes a record; the previous highest figure was $631,693.38, for the year 1922. Though it is premature, at the moment, to forecast the final result of this year's working, we have every reason to anticipate a successful outcome.

Increased Dividend.

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is $529,101.49, and we recommend the payment of a dividend of $40 per share—an increase of $2 per share over the last dividend—absorbing $320,000, and the appropriation of the balance to the Reinsurance Fund.

The various reserves call for little comment. They have all appreciated with the exception of the investment and exchange fluctuation account which, though still standing at the very substantial figure of $356,258.80, is less by $119,578.44 than at the same time last year. This decrease is due to shrinkage in the market values of our gold and silver investments and to the high rate of exchange ruling between Hongkong and Shanghai, on the 31st December last. As an offset, however, to these adverse factors there has been the very considerable fall in sterling exchange.

Bonus to Staff.

You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff.

I do not think there is anything further in this account which requires my special attention but after the resolution, which I am about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to put.

I now propose the following resolution:—"That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of $40 per share, the transfer of £20,474-10-5, at exchange 1/11½=$209,-101.49, to the credit of reinsurance fund, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

Mr. J. Arnold seconded and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Other Business.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White were elected to form, with the Chairman, the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year, on the proposition of Mr. R. L. Bridger, seconded by Mr. A. H. M. da Silva.

Mr. Ho Leung proposed and Mr. P. Tester seconded, that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-appointed auditors at a fee of $750 each. This was agreed.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be obtained upon application.

BIAS BAY EXPEDITION.

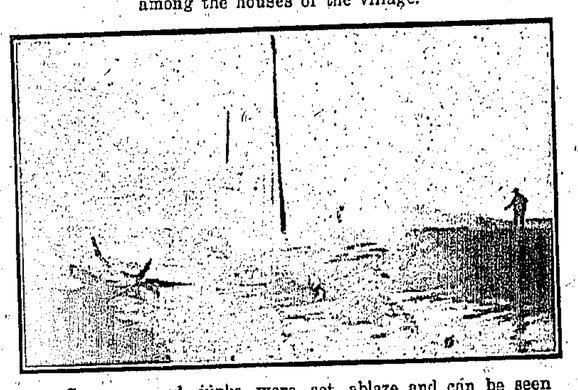
FIRST PUBLISHED PICTURES OF OPERATIONS.

The pictures given below are the first to be published of last Wednesday's naval expedition against the pirates of Bias Bay. The pictures were taken by a member of the expedition. All photo engraving by *S. C. M. Post.*

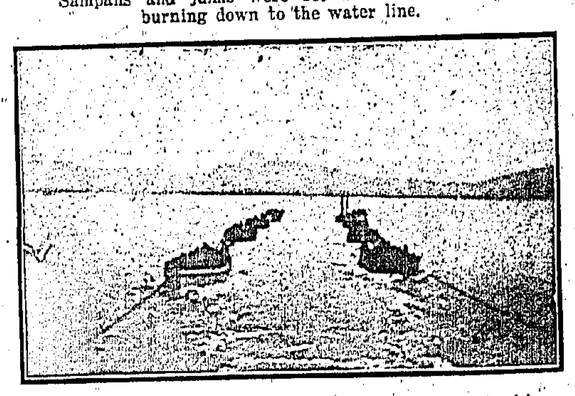
This picture shows how completely were the houses of the pirate villages demolished.

Snapshot taken during the burning of the houses. Naval men can be seen at work under the direction of a leader.

A close-up view of the effects of a demolition charge among the houses of the village.



Sampans and junks were set ablaze and can be seen burning down to the water line.



This view is of the raiding party returning to their ships after the raid. Picture taken from the stern of H.M.S. Marazion.

SMALL FIRE.

TWO ENGINES CALLED OUT.

During the tiffin hour to-day, a small fire broke out at the Yeung Wo Nursing Home, near the Racecourse, Happy Valley.

Two fire engines were rushed to the scene, but the fire was put out by the inmates, and the engines soon returned to the station. It appears that an Indian watchman spilled some kerosene on the ground, which was accidentally set alight by a match. No damage was done and no-one was hurt.

A. P. C. THEFTS.

MORE SENTENCES IMPOSED.

TO-DAY'S SESSIONS TRIAL.

"The force used on me would have induced me to sign in answer to a charge of murder" said a Chinese named Chan Chin-kwai, *alias* Dick Chan, when charged with stealing a cheque, a blank cheque form, and uttering a forged cheque, before Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The prisoner, who was formerly employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was charged on two other counts on Monday last, when he was sentenced to one year's and two years' imprisonment with hard labour, the sentences to run concurrently.

This morning he was further charged with stealing a cheque for $15, drawn on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank by Miss D. L. Gatty, an employee of the A.P.C., and also a blank cheque form belonging to Miss Gatty. There was a second count of uttering a forged cheque for $50 with intent to defraud.

Force Denied.

Both last Monday and to-day the prisoner alleged that the police forced him to sign statements, but this were denied.

The Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Attorney General, who is prosecuting for the Crown, said the cheque for $15 was the property of Miss Gatty, and the $50 cheque which was passed at the Bank was forged in her name.

The prisoner was employed at the A.P.C. in February of this year, and on February 8th, Miss Gatty missed two articles on going to a locked drawer in her desk. One was the cheque for $15, and the other was a blank cheque form. On the previous day, someone had passed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank a forged cheque for $50, which had been filled in on the missing blank form which was stolen from Miss Gatty. The prisoner was arrested and when charged with uttering the forged cheque he replied "I did." The cheque for $15 was found in the cock loft at No. 8, Tai Wong Street, ground floor, where the prisoner was living.

Lady's Evidence.

Miss Gatty said she was employed by the A.P.C., in the engineering department. She knew the prisoner, who worked in the same department until his dismissal on February 7th. She denied having signed the cheque for $50.

In reply to his Lordship, witness said her drawer had apparently been opened with a key. She made out the cheque for $15 on February 5th, but dated it February 7th.

Prisoner was asked if he wanted to put any questions to the witness and he replied that Miss Gatty had given no evidence implicating him.

Mr. N.H. Proctor, an assistant at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said the cheque for $50 was cashed at the Bank on February 7th., but he was unable to say who cashed it.

Prisoner again remarked that Mr. Proctor had given no evidence against him, as being the man who cashed the cheque.

A Chinese widow, the principal tenant at 8, Tai Wong Street, said the prisoner rented the cock loft from her for over four months, at a rental of $2.50 per month. She remembered that the police paid a visit to the premises and took away various articles belonging to Chan.

Found Under Pillow.

Sergt. A.V. Baker said on February 8th he took out a search warrant to search 8, Tai Wong Street, and in the cock loft, under a pillow, he discovered the cheque for $15. When first charged with the theft and uttering the forged note the prisoner said "I did."

The prisoner said his statements did not prove anything against him, because he had been forced to sign them.

His Lordship, to witness:—Did you force him in any way?

Witness:—No, my Lord.

Continuing, the prisoner said the cheque for $15 was sent to him by post, and he received it on February 9th. In his opinion, some people had a grudge against him, and sent it to him purposely in order to get him into trouble.

In summing up, his Lordship reminded the jury that there was no direct evidence that the prisoner went to Miss Gatty's drawer and took the two cheques, neither was there any direct evidence that he went to the Bank, except his own statements at the Police Station. Apart from his statements and the absence of direct evidence, however, inference could be drawn from the fact that the $15 cheque was found among his property. Generally speaking, if stolen property was found on a man soon after it was stolen, then that was some evidence that he stole it. With regard to the forged cheque, there was no doubt it must have been prepared with the forged cheque as a guide.

Found Guilty.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" on both counts.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoner on the first count to one year's hard labour, and on the second to four years' hard labour, the sentences to run concurrently. His Lordship further directed that the sentences run concurrently with those imposed last Monday.

Chan was then further charged with the larceny of a cigarette case and cigar cutter on January 14th, the property of Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd. He pleaded "Not Guilty," and his Lordship directed that the charge be investigated this afternoon.

CLEVER SMUGGLER.

OPIUM HIDDEN IN FIREWOOD.

Smugglers seem to have an inexhaustible faculty of devising ways and means of evading the wharf searchers and Revenue Officers.

This morning, at the Central Magistracy, yet another of these smugglers appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the device which this inventive genius employed was certainly remarkable. He engaged an innocent coolie to carry fourteen bundles of firewood for him in Wing Lok Street. The coolie separated the firewood into two lots and carried it on a bamboo pole. The smuggler walked a little ahead of the coolie in order, so it was supposed, to show him the way.

The Revenue department, it appears, had received information about this man and he was arrested in Wing Lok Street and his bundles of firewood examined.

It was found that twelve bundles were in fact firewood, but the two remaining bundles, while they bore every resemblance to ordinary firewood, were in fact hollowed out in the middle so that a large quantity of opium could be concealed.

The receptacle resembled in every detail bundles of firewood and would certainly pass as such under the closest scrutiny of the wharf searchers. The bundle opened out into halves, lengthwise, and the hinges were invisible.

When the Magistrate was shown how the 176 taels of opium were concealed, he could not suppress a smile at the ingenuity of the smugglers.

The inventor of this remarkable device was ordered to pay a fine of $5,000, or nine months' hard labour.

FORMER POLICE OFFICER.

AWARDED IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL.

The many friends of Mr. John Grant, former Chief Detective Inspector of the Hongkong Police Force, will learn with pleasure that His Majesty the King has conferred upon him the Imperial Service Medal. Mr. Grant is at present at Home on retirement and it is understood that arrangements

will be made for the presentation of the medal there.

Mr. Grant came to the Colony as a police constable in November, 1896, became Sergeant in 1903 and full Inspector in 1918. He was promoted to the post of Chief Detective Inspector in 1923, and retired from the Force in June of last year.

Stated to be the third man who had committed suicide in the same place, a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at the inquest on Reginald Gandy, 24, who shot himself in a bakery at Rugby.

In spite of the efforts of school children who cleared the sands of shells and of a motor-plough which carved an artificial race track, Capt. Malcolm Campbell, the racing motorist, was again forced, owing to the rain, to postpone his attempt yesterday at Pendine, Carmarthen, to lower the world's speed record.

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GRAVE CHINESE SITUATION.

THE NANKING AFFAIR AND ITS SEQUELS.

THE WEEK-END TELEGRAMS

Shanghai, March 26, 1 p.m.

Further wireless reports confirm that the whole of the up-river situation is taking on a very alarming aspect necessitating rapid evacuation of the remaining foreigners.

At Kiukiang the local Nationalist commander replied unsatisfactorily when approached with regard to the safety of foreigners and the foreign authorities consequently reserved freedom of action. Meanwhile, women and children and missionaries are evacuating.

A large crowd thronged the concession at Chinkiang in a belligerent mood on Thursday. The Chinese police succeeded in protecting foreign property, but foreigners are now transferred to British and American destroyers pending evacuation.

Further friction has also occurred between the Chinese and foreign authorities at Changsha.—*Reuter.*

Americans Ordered to Evacuate.

Shanghai, March 26, 5.20 p.m.

Combined British, American and Japanese action to deal with the Nanking incident and prevent a repetition is foreshadowed in despatches from Peking, which state that the Ministers of the Powers concerned are conferring in regard to remedial measures.

It is stated that the American Minister has ordered the evacuation of all Americans residing in the areas under Nationalist influence.—*Reuter.*

S. S. Kiangwo Seized.

Shanghai, March 27, 5.20 p.m.

Apart from being constantly fired on British ships on the Yangtsze continue occasionally to be seized. The Cantonese military yesterday seized the Jardine Matheson steamer Kiangwo near Wuhu on the Yangtsze for the conveyance of 2,000 troops down the river. Responding to signals of distress H. M. S. Wild Swan went alongside, disarmed the soldiers and put them ashore, detaining three senior Chinese officers, and released ship.—*Reuter.*

More Japanese Warships Coming.

Shanghai, March 26.

Five Japanese warships are on their way to Nanking from Shanghai, Tsingtao and Port Arthur.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, March 27.

The Foreign Office has issued a statement that in view of the critical China situation, eight destroyers are to be sent to Shanghai, and several others to Tsingtao.—*Reuter.*

U. S. Marines.

Washington, March 26.

Fifteen hundred additional Marines have been ordered to proceed to China.

The announcement followed an early morning conference between Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and naval and military corps advisers. The question of reinforcing the American forces in China was considered at some length.—*Reuter.*

Washington, March 27.

6.25 p.m.

The reinforcements ordered to China make up 6,000 men under Admiral Williams' command 4,000 of whom are available for shore duty.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Foochow Agitation.

Foochow, March 26.

A serious anti-Christian agitation was started here by Communist students, who held a meeting yesterday, at which the speakers harangued the mob urging them to overthrow Christianity.

The students seized, bound, and put a fool's cap on a Chinese pastor. They paraded him through the foreign quarters and past the Anglo-American Mission buildings.

Posters have appeared denouncing religion and the Church and threatening certain Chinese Christians with death.

The Consular Corps, who have protested to the local authorities, view the situation with concern, feeling that Chinese protection is inadequate.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai's Gratitude.

London, Mar. 26.

The *Times* in a leader on Nanking and the latest events in China, says that the British Government was alone in taking precautions in this grave emergency. It was criticised bitterly by its political opponents at Home, whilst other countries held aloof, doubted, and waited. Now suddenly American opinion is profoundly stirred by the spectacle of disorders in Shanghai and the still greater catastrophe in Nanking.

The *Times* concludes that British initiative in China has now been internationally vindicated.—*Reuter.*

Tributes to British Forces.

London, Mar. 26.

China was given prominence by members of the Cabinet in various speeches last night.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Minister for War, speaking at Lincoln, said that the policy of protection we followed—not entirely in agreement with the Japanese and the United States—was now supported by both these nations who realised what we foresaw in January. "To-day Shanghai fortunately is relatively, if not absolutely safe." He thought it certain that no major disaster could reach the British there.

He paid a tribute to the conduct of the troops and naval men. The former had acted with admirable self-restraint under most trying circumstances; and the latter had done magnificently in the rescue work in Nanking.

Both Sir Laming Worthington-Evans and Mr. W. C. Bridgeman (First Lord of the Admiralty) at Bath and Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister (President of the Board of Trade) at Torquay made references to the situation in China. They denounced the contention that Britons who had gone overseas to trade were not entitled to British protection.

Massacre Averted.

A message of good cheer to Britons in China was delivered by Mr. Winston Churchill at a dinner by his constituents at Epping.

The Chancellor, referring to the presence of British and foreign military men of most of the leading nations, said that our action in sending troops re-created the possibility of the renewed concert of civilisation, and had been the only means that prevented massacre, orgy, and carnage in Shanghai, which would have gone down in history with deeds as dark as Cawnpore.

He had a strong feeling of sentiment when he read that the Coldstream Guards and the United States Marines were standing side by side. It seemed to him once again that the great unconquerable forces of progressive and scientific civilisation were recognising all that they had in common and all that they would have in common. Anyone could see that, if the Labourites had been responsible and had acted in the cowardly and disingenuous manner in which they had acted in this crisis, we should now be witnessing one of the most horrible episodes of fire and slaughter that the world had seen in recent time.

Honour of Empire.

The results of sending our troops to Shanghai had been to draw the great Powers together, and he (Mr. Churchill) was of opinion that the situation, though critical and tragical in many places, was nevertheless in the main features improving and consolidating. It was for us to make sure that the policy of this country and its representatives abroad was not brought to mockery and disaster, and that there was a strong hand stretched out from Great Britain and a warm heart beating in the Old Country which would maintain the honour of the British Empire and guard its rights and interests from any one, however formidable or unspeakably base.—*Reuter.*

Parasitic Bolshevism.

London, Mar. 27, 6.25 a.m.

The *Observer* after making reference to the happenings of the past days in China, says that sight must not be lost of two things ultimately separate and hostile. The first is the authentic movement broadly called nationalism. It is not the foreigners business or interest to attempt to halt it, and it cannot be grudged the fundamental sympathy of every foreigner who wishes to see China cured one day of chronic civil war and freed from satraps.

The other unmistakable element in the Chinese problem is the entrance of parasitic bolshevism into the Nationalist movement. The business of bolshevism in China is world revolution. The paper shows that this cannot succeed but it says that it can work appalling mischief in China before it falls.

Referring to Anglo-American collaboration it believes this will now broaden logically and inevitably into a community of views and action.—*Reuter.*

The *Sunday Times* says that it will be necessary for our government to demand the punishment of those responsible for army's getting out of hand at Nanking. It hopes the United States and other Powers will join our protest. Chen's political demands are insupportable unless the fullest guarantees can be given of the discipline and loyalty of the southern troops.

Indeed insistence on the highest standards of discipline is so heartily seconding its demands for complete independence and the removal of all badges of inferior political status.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

The non-British message (containing appreciation of Britain's protective measures) is widely circulating. The signatories are now about two thousand of twenty-seven nationalities, including Chinese. The English and Scottish chartered accountants have cabled their respective institutions in Britain giving it as their considered opinion that the presence of British troops alone saved the International Settlement from pillage and the population from murder by armed Communists and Chinese troops.

Any attempt to negotiate with the Chinese before order is restored and definite proof of bona-fides produced, would be suicidal.—*Reuter.*

German Views.

Berlin, Mar. 26.

German correspondents in Shanghai telegraphing to their papers regarding the situation at Nanking, endeavour to show that German residents in China have nothing to fear from the Cantonese troops or from the Chinese populace. They declare that the Chinese would not touch a hair of a German's head even if the British troops were absent!

The *Vossische Zeitung* correspondent reports that the Germans in Shanghai refused to sign the "very tendencious telegram" which some non-British residents proposed to send to the British Government thanking it for again saving civilisation from barbarians.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

With reference to the statements made by the correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung*, many Germans have signed the telegram, which does not mention barbarians, but ends "Britain has again given the lead to the whole civilised world."—*Reuter.*

Threat of Boycott.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 1.15 a.m.

Making a statement to correspondents through General Pai Ching-hsi, Marshal Chang Kai-shek asserted that the Nanking affair was finished now that all foreigners had been evacuated.

It was, he said, merely an isolated incident into which the Americans had been drawn by the British.

Chang Kai-shek warned America that she should not let Britain lead her into a false position, as otherwise she would find herself as unfavourably placed in China as Britain. China was always ready to evoke her powerful economic weapon and the foreign Powers could not bring enough warships to China to suppress the aspirations of the Chinese people.

He stated that there was no intention to use force for the solution of the problem of the status of the International Settlement at Shanghai. This must be settled at the proper time and place by diplomatic means. He emphasised that there was no danger to foreign lives and property from the Nationalist army in Shanghai, and averred that this was proved by the fact that his troops had been here for five days, had restored order and had disarmed the lawless elements.—*Reuter.*

Refugees' Stories.

Shanghai, March 26, 2.15 p.m.

To-day 140 refugees from Nanking, mainly women and children, arrived on the steamer Kungwo, which was escorted by His Majesty's Cricket and the U. S. destroyer Preston. They tell of terrible experiences at the hands of anti-foreign mobs, Cantonese soldiers and guerillas.

Not till Shanghai waters were reached this morning were the dangers passed, for the whole time that they were travelling down river they were constantly fired on from both shores by the forts and soldiers, to which the gunboats repeatedly replied.

The refugees, who taxed the tiny steamer's capacity to the utmost, were haggard and weary after a period of most intense anxiety.

Their first questions concerned the fate of the remaining foreigners. They heard with the greatest relief that the majority were accounted for.

"The Navy saved us," they said. "Without it every foreigner would have been murdered. The bombardment alone separated us from death."

No Foreigner's House Escapes.

Everyone expected that the retreating Northerners would loot the city and is surprised that they did not do so, but on their heels crowds of Cantonese swarmed in and these, together with gunmen in mufti, started a reign of terror from which not a single foreign house escaped, the occupants driven out, beaten and robbed, their rooms being sacked.

In many cases, the fact that foreigners left their houses in more remote districts earlier in the day, before the arrival of the wild soldiery, saved their lives.

The majority of these reached H.M.S. Emerald before the situation became worse. Some of those remaining later are assembling on Socony Hill, waiting evacuation.

Speaking of the scene on the hillside, one refugee described a little group of fifty foreigners foregathered, patiently waiting assistance, while all around them were the howling mobs and an orgy of looting and destruction.

In the late afternoon a body of Cantonese soldiers, with which the city is now swarming, were seen making for the hill. Apparently they had recently been to the British Consulate near by where later it was learned that Dr. Satchwell Smith had been shot dead when going to the assistance of Mr. Giles.

This small British and American band, unarmed, waited tensely, feeling that their lives would soon not be worth a moment's purchase and wondering what sort of death they would die.

American Sailor's Brave Act.

With shots flying all round and exposed as well to rifle-fire from oncoming Cantonese soldiers, an American sailor mounted the roof of a building on the top of the hillside and signalled something by means of flags towards the warships in the river.

As it turned out, his message had a pregnant meaning, for the suspense was almost immediately broken by the scream of a shell from an American warship, which exploded within forty yards of the advancing soldiers. Those who were not hit scuttled away like rabbits. This was the beginning of a bombardment which alone saved these foreigners' lives and rendered possible their evacuation.

The bombardment lasted almost three hours in the course of which H.M.S. Emerald dropped forty-five shells from her six-inchers, making the hillside a certain haven of refuge until a party of British Bluejackets arrived and evacuated the party over the wall down to the Bund and on board the ship where earlier in the day a large number of foreigners had taken refuge from various points of the city.

Many refugees believe that the attack on foreigners' lives and houses, owing to its systematic nature, must have been according to a pre-arranged plan.—*Reuter.*

Further Details.

London, March 26.

The correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says that by a pre-arranged plan all foreigners should have concentrated in the International Export Building on the Bund, outside the wall, where they could have been removed to the ships without much difficulty, but in the general confusion which followed the arrival of the Cantonese only a portion succeeded in reaching the building. The remainder made for the Socony Hill inside the walls of the town, rising ground visible to the warships in the stream.

The moment of departure of the Northern troops saw the Cantonese gunmen, long concealed in the town, come forth to loot and attack the foreigners. It is evident that Mr. Giles, the British Consul-General, was wounded in this first rush on the Consulate, which was protected by six Marines from the warship Emerald. Shortly after the attack by the gunmen, the regular Cantonese army fired on the city and got completely out of hand, running wild and looting all shops and the British, American and Japanese Consulates.

At four o'clock Thursday afternoon the position became very serious, far from the warship a huge mob, mingled with regular soldiers, was seen advancing against the refugees on Socony Hill. Hasty consultation between the Captain of the Emerald and the American destroyers led to an instant decision to protect the refugees by a heavy barrage of shrapnel. This policy alone saved the lives of nearly one hundred men and some women, for the shrapnel cut off the Cantonese, who had never met shell fire before.

The Escape.

Taking advantage of the barrage, the refugees made their way through tortuous, winding streets to the only gate giving access to the bund. Here they encountered a party of Marines, just landed, who covered their retirement to the ships without, so far as we could see, a single casualty.

From this moment all communication was cut off from the British and Japanese Consulates. Various reports and rumours stated that the Consul was killed, together with Captain Spear and

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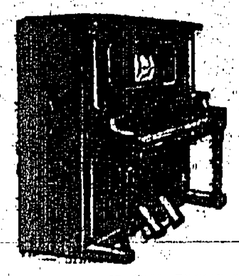

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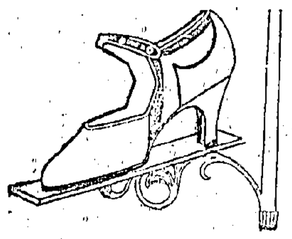

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ATHLETICS.

UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL SPORTS.

Two Hongkong University athletic records were broken at the annual meet of the University, held at the Pokfulum ground on Saturday afternoon. The first of these was in connexion with the Pole Jump, when T. W. Chong jumped one-and-a-half inch better than A. Hoalim did in 1925, the record being now 9 feet 7 inches. The second noteworthy item was H. Braga's time of 54.4/5 seconds in the quarter mile, as compared with his own previous record a second longer.

Other standards were well maintained, and there was also keen rivalry between the various contesting Hostels. Morrison Hall and Lugard Hall had shared the honours hitherto by each winning Mr. Ho Kwong's Athletic Sports Challenge Cup five times, but yesterday the former again took the lead as a result of the 32 points collected by its athletes at the meeting. Of this number, 15 points were garnered by H. Braga, who took second place behind T. W. Chong as regards individual honours. The Champion of the meet secured his position with 19 points.

Mrs. P. Lauder distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the sports, and was presented with a bouquet in a silver holder.

RESULTS.

Kicking the Football.—1, E. L. Harrison; 2, A. P. Gutterres. Distance 178 ft. 10½ ins.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, J. W. Barnes; 2, B. H. Schroter. Distance 241 ft. 2½ ins.

100 Yards.—1, H. Braga; 2, T. W. Chong; 3, S. C. Ho. Time, 10½ secs.

Pole Jump.—1, T. W. Chong; 2, P. C. Lim; 3, B. H. Schroter. Height 9 ft. 7 ins. (record.)

220 Yards.—1, H. Braga; 2, A. J. Hazeland; 3, I. Tajima. Time, 24.3/5 secs.

Half Mile.—1, S. C. Ho; 2, I. Tajima; 3, K. I. Ip. Time, 2.25 2/5 secs.

120 Yards Hurdle.—1, T. W. Chong; 2, P. C. Lim; 3, H. N. Chung. Time 17.1/5 secs.

220 Yards Handicap (Past Students' Race).—1, S. Hachiuma; 2, T. E. Yeoh.

Putting the Weight (16 lbs.)—1, B. H. Schroter; 2, H. N. Chung; 3, K. T. Loke. Distance 28 ft. 9½ ins.

440 Yards.—1, H. Braga; 2, E. Wong Tape; 3, S. C. Ho. Time, 54.4/5 secs. (record).

Long Jump.—1, K. P. Gan; 2, T. W. Chong; 3, B. K. Jap. Distance, 19 ft. 9

Half Mile (open).—1, Pte. J. Tiernan, R.A.M.C.; 2, Sgt. Williamson, R.O.S.B. Time, 2 mins. 10 secs.

High Jump.—1, B. K. Jap; 2, T. W. Chong; 3, H. N. Chung. Height 5 ft. 2 ins.

One Mile.—1, I. Tajima; 2, S. Y. Gittins; 3, K. I. Ip. Time, 5 mins. 30 2/5 secs.

Tug-of-War.—Lugard Hall.

Relay Race.—Morrison Hall.

Social.

In the evening, the University Union held its fourth social of the season, dancing being joyously indulged in. The Great Hall, where the function took place, was effectively festooned with strings of lanterns which, with the fancy dresses won by some of the dancers, presented a colourful scene.

The Great Hall was suitably decorated by the women-undergraduates and the engineering students residing in Morrison Hall. By a certain devise, the illumination of the Hall was so regulated as to harmonise with the melodious tunes played by the band.

Music was provided by the Melodians of H.M.S. Titania, specially reinforced for the occasion, a lengthy programme of 18 items, which were constantly added to with numerous "extras" and "encores."

The attendance, although large in itself, was just within limits avoiding the discomforts of overcrowding, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

There were about 250 participants, including the following: The Vice-Chancellor, Professors Anderson, Brown, Earle, Faid, Middleton Smith, Redmond, and the Registrar. A large number of graduates were present.

The fancy dress prizes went to Miss D. May and Mr. E. Zimmern.

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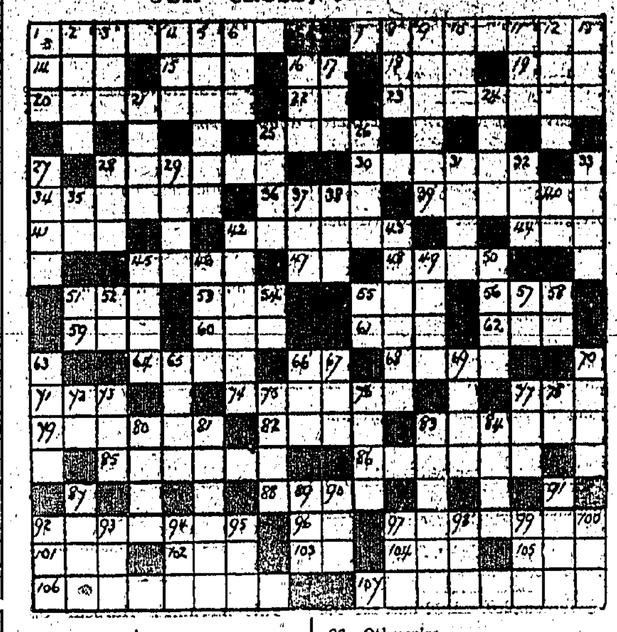


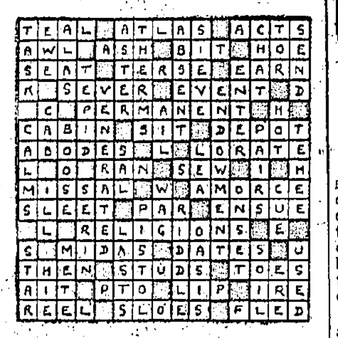
Across.

1 Noble.
7 Middling.
14 A colour.
15 Contains metal.
16 Like.
18 Injure.
19 Atmosphere.
20 Longed.
22 Shows denial.
23 Church tower.
25 Lazy.
28 Statical.
30 Wooers.
34 Servants.
36 Consumes.
39 The colours.
41 One indefinitely.
42 At rest.
44 Digit of the foot.
45 Trim.
47 Slang for father.
48 Noisy disturbances.
51 Pointed iron instrument.
53 Ocean.
55 Plan.
56 Plaything.
59 Beverage.
60 Close.
61 Organ of vision.
62 Raw metal.
64 Piece of armour for a horse.
66 London Postal district.
68 Old form of enough.
71 Decline.
74 On board.
77 To be indebted to.
79 Community.
82 In addition.
83 Store-room.
85 Means of light.
86 Made secure.
88 Species of pastry.
92 Light.
96 Behold.
97 Stammer.
101 Part of the circumference.
102 Prefix meaning new.
103 To have existence.
104 Ever (contraction).
105 The whole.
106 Accompanied.
107 Small flags.

Down.

1 Look closely.
2 Shoal.
3 Girl's name.
4 Study.
5 Raises.
6 Guided.
8 Printer's measures.
9 A grammatical term.
10 Wrath.
11 Head covering.
12 Small brook.
13 Before.
16 Conjunction.
17 Fifth note of the diatonic scale.
21 Ceremony.
24 Parts of the head.
25 Frozen foods.
26 Otherwise.
27 Egg-shaped.
28 Artful.
29 Minute particle.
31 Enough.
32 To rest on a chair.
33 Over again.
35 One.
37 Mountain.
38 Beverage.
40 Depart.
42 Memoranda.
43 Implored.
45 Thin flat piece.
46 Employer.
49 Accessible.
50 Pack.
51 Actually there.
52 Personal pronoun.
54 Christian era.
55 Myself.
57 Correlative of either.
58 You.
63 Cried.
65 Efficient.
66 Same as No. 17 down.
67 Existed.
69 Spoken.
70 Lively.
72 Remain.
73 Quagmire.
75 Most good.
76 Tear.
77 Uneven.
78 Plural pronoun.
80 Sport.
81 Gained by labour.
83 To hearken.
84 Remainder.
87 Concise.
89 A priest's robe.
90 Part of a fish.
91 Liquefy.
92 The cry of a sheep.
93 October (abb).
94 Girl's name.
95 Part of the foot.
97 Receiver.
98 Hot water vessel.
99 Make brown.
100 Initials of a famous novelist.

Saturday's Puzzle.



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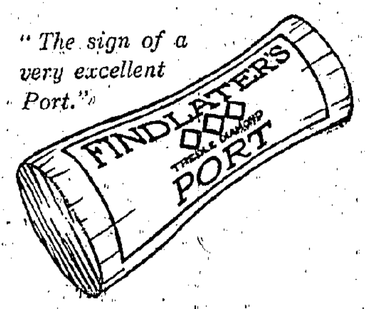

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POLAND AND GERMANY COME TO UNDERSTANDING.

Warsaw, March 27.

The Poland-German Convention has been signed for facilitating traffic over the international railway lines, including the services between Europe and the Far East.

The Convention also forms a basis for the establishment of direct communication between Belgium, France and Peking and Tokio via Berlin, Riga and Moscow.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH FINANCE.

PETROL IMPORT MONOPOLY BILL.

Paris, March 26.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has decided to grant a delay of nine months instead of the desired two years in the application of the Petrol Import Monopoly Bill, after which another postponement may be considered if Parliament in the meanwhile is not informed of any Parliamentary measure for organisation of the monopoly.—*Reuter.*

YACHTING.

RE-SAIL OF LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The re-sail of the Ladies Championship for all racing classes took place on Saturday, there being 17 starters of which number only nine completed the course. "La Linda" of the handicap class crossed the line first and being five minutes in front of any of the others was easily the winner on corrected time.

"Joan" of the Two Gael Class fouled another competitor and did not finish. Of the 17 starters 6 were Handicaps, 3 One Designs, 2 Gaels and 6 Heyward Hays. In the table of results below, the yachts are mentioned in order of actual finishing; the positions (according to handicap) are mentioned in parenthesis after each name. The preceding denominator indicates the class the yacht belongs to, i.e., H. for Handicaps, I for One Designs, Y for Heyward Hays.

TIME

		Finishing	Corrected
(H)	La Linda (1st)	6:05:40	5:59:08
(H)	Diana (5th)	6:14:54	6:18:25
(H)	Colleen (4th)	6:19:58	6:12:38
(I)	Daphne (2nd)	6:20:04	6:02:16
(H)	Argulla II (3rd)	6:24:45	6:14:02
(H)	Argulla (3rd)	6:24:59	6:04:13
(Y)	Adele (3rd)	6:37:01	6:10:16
(Y)	Why Wonder? (7th)	6:37:01	6:10:16
(X)	Bluenose (8th)	6:37:02	6:10:10
(I)	Halcyon (9th)	6:37:06	6:19:19

The following did not finish:—
Handicap class: Falcon, Dorothea.
One Design: Ailsa.
Gael class: Joan (which fouled Boojum and retired), Gael.
Heyward Hays: Boojum, Zephyr, Lola.

The race for Service sailing boats was abandoned.

Sunday's Races.

The Club v. Ladies race was sailed yesterday over the following courses: 1. Channel Rocks (P.), 2. Howloon Rocks (P.), 3. Mark in lieu (S.) and 4. Cast Rock Buoy (S.) The distance was 5.5 miles, the start being made at 11.25 a.m.

The Ladies beat the Club by six points, the times being as follows:

Ladies.

	P. Time	P. Pts.
Yacht	12.42.44	4 5
Why Wonder	12.39.02	1 9
Bluenose	12.40.31	2 7
Adele	12.41.34	3 6
Joan	12.49.07	6 3

Club.

	P. Time	P. Pts.
Yacht	1.82.52	7 2
Boojum	12.41.54	3 6
Madonna	D.N.F.	— —
Zephyr	12.40.31	2 7
Halcyon	12.41.34	5 4
Total		21

Coquette	2.25.33	2.20.51½ 2
U. and I.	2.12.58	2.12.58 1

P. Time C. Time Pts.

The re-sail-off of the tie between the U and I and Coquette resulted in victory for the former with the following times:

The Sailed Off.

There was no afternoon race owing to rough seas.

MOSCOW AGAIN.

APPEAL TO WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

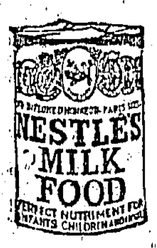
Moscow, March 27, 6.25 a.m.

The Communist International has issued an appeal calling on the organisations of the world to wage a struggle against the new war about to begin in China and to demand the immediate recall of foreign troops, and to prevent the despatch of new forces to China."

Izvestia declares that the bombardment of Nanking means "intervention in the internal struggle in China and cannot be considered otherwise than active assistance to the northerners with a view to giving them a possibility of forcing their way through the encircling national troops."—*Reuter.*

Georgetown, March 26.

The Marchise de Pinedo, the aviator, has arrived here, having covered 900 miles from Para.—*Reuter.*



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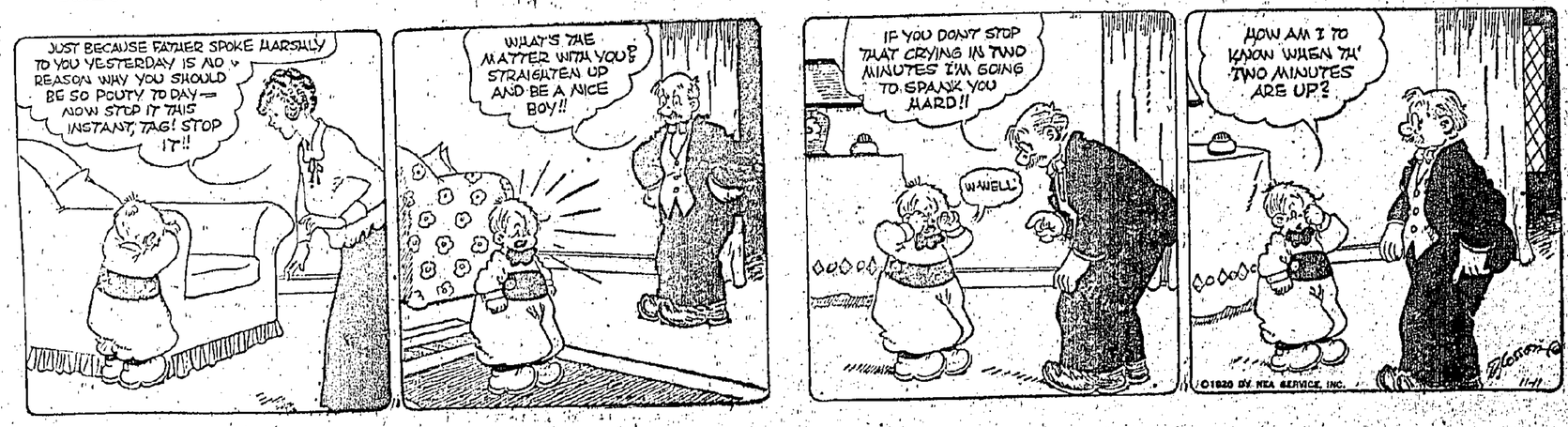

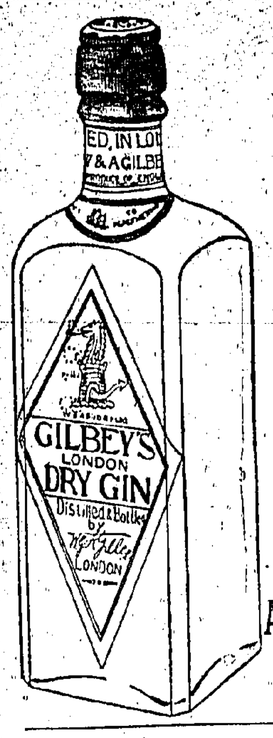

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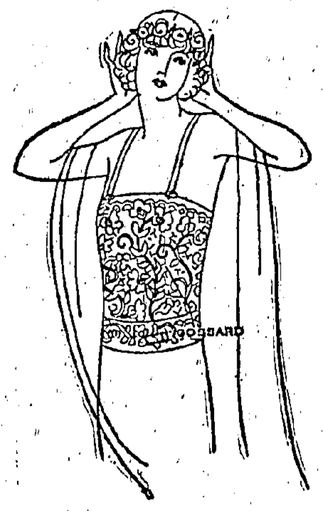

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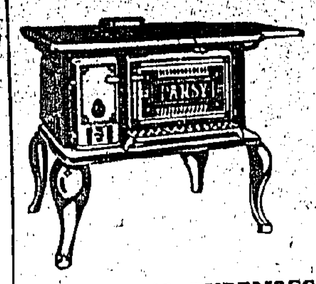

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GRAVE DAYS.

If the terrible happenings in Nanking have no other effect, they have at last brought the Powers more closely into line than they have ever been since the China crisis first attained serious dimensions. Many months ago, Britain foresaw the certainty of grave happenings in China and made her preparations for the protection of British lives and property accordingly. If any regret is to be entertained concerning British policy it is that definite action in sending out a big defence force was not taken even earlier, in which event there would probably have been no necessity of surrendering the Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang. Possibly, that regret is to-day shared by the British Government itself, which, according to a London press comment, is not blind to the unhappy consequences of the diplomatic measures already taken. However putting that issue on one side, there could be no greater justification of Britain's preparedness than that supplied during the past week by the grave incidents in Shanghai and Nanking, and the Baldwin Government must have been greatly reassured by the expression of gratitude spontaneously sent from Shanghai by nationals of no fewer than twenty-seven countries.

Serious as have been the occurrences ever since the Nationalist Armies penetrated into Central China, it has taken the terrible situation at Nanking to bring home to the outside world the intense gravity of the present situation in China. The detailed stories of the experiences suffered by foreigners there, following the entry of the Nationalist troops, tell their own tale. With the facts so well attested, it is idle for the Nationalists to attempt to place the blame on the shoulders of Northern troops or guerilla bands. The Consulates, we are told, were wantonly looted by undisciplined Nationalist troops: foreign homes and missionary property were robbed and burned by uniformed Nationalists, who also treated foreign women with the greatest brutality; whilst a Nationalist officer shot dead a French priest. These are only a few instances picked out at random from many others that could be cited to pin down responsibility on the Nationalists. It is equally futile to plead, in extenuation, that the troops got out of hand. That is precisely the trouble that has long been foreseen—the Nationalists have set going forces and influences which they are quite unable to control. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek may say what he likes about there being no enmity against Britain and America—the plain fact is that to-day China is seething with anti-foreignism, almost wholly (if not completely) engendered by the Nationalists and their Russian comrades.

As we look back over the recent past we cannot resist the conviction that the Chinese have been emboldened, by the conciliatory attitude of the Powers, into presuming on foreign patience and toleration. They have, as many students of China and the Chinese predicted, mistaken kindness for weakness. But now the limit has been reached, and the firm stand taken at Nanking by Britain and America, happily in complete unity, has, for the present at least, tempered the Nationalist mood. The lesson to be learned from this circumstance would appear to be that forceful action, or the threat thereof, is the only thing that headstrong soldiery and truculent mobs in China are likely to understand and fear. Diplomacy can make no headway against mob rule, and we fear that, despite the excellence of her intentions, Britain has been somewhat too precipitate in treating so generously with the Nationalists regarding Hankow and Kiukiang. There are, however, bigger issues yet to be faced, including the future of Shanghai. Fortunately, this is a problem which concerns all the Powers, whose attitude must obviously be affected by what has occurred at Nanking and what may yet happen elsewhere. We pray that the nations concerned will stand solidly united from now onwards, for union is strength—and strength alone seems likely to procure respect in China to-day.

A Clumsy Statement.

If General Pai Ching-hsi was, as he claimed, speaking for Marshal Chiang Kai-shek when he stated the Americans had been drawn into the Nanking affair by the British and that America should be warned not to let Britain lead her into a false position, then the Marshal ought to be asked for a little clearer explanation. The Nanking affair is described as "merely an isolated incident" but surely the word "merely" is a little out of place when deliberate looting and outrage against foreigners was committed by uniformed Nationalist soldiers. Foreigners have been killed at Nanking through the excesses of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's soldiers. Cold-blooded murder, including the shooting dead of a French priest by Nationalist officers, has been committed without any discrimination of foreign nationality. American residents, as well as British, spent hours of torture and suspense with mobs and undisciplined soldiers around them. British and American war vessels jointly put an artillery barrage around the Hill on which nationals of both countries were huddled, not daring to move. Those are all facts which are incontrovertible, and how then can Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, speaking through a subordinate, assert that the Americans were "drawn-in" by the British? That is not the tone in which to refer to what was joint and common action compelled by the extreme gravity of the situation. And there is a distinct threat in his reference to China's "powerful economic weapon" which we imagine will cause resentment. When he points out that "the foreign Powers cannot bring enough warships to China to suppress the aspirations of the Chinese people" he implies that there is a desire to do so—an implication which, in face of all that Britain has done of late in spite of the anti-foreign outrages at various ports along the Yangtsze Valley, is particularly ill-timed and greatly provocative. Foreign warships will always come to China to protect foreigners from a repetition of Nanking, and the hot air about aspirations of the Chinese people is very much out of place in relation to that affair. If this clumsy statement of Marshal Chiang is that best he can contribute to a situation which is in need of skilful handling and much diplomacy, then we see little hope of averting a crisis of real international importance.

During the current week, Messrs Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd. are holding a special sale of "dollar bargains." Many attractive and useful items are included. The sale will definitely end on Saturday, 2nd April.

DAY BY DAY.

GOOD INTENTIONS ARE, AT LEAST, THE SEED OF GOOD ACTIONS.—*Sir William Temple.*

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The E. and A. Company's s.s. St. Albans, which left Moji on the 25th inst., is due here to-morrow.

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The P. and O. liner Delta left Singapore at 6 a.m. on Saturday and is due here at 6 a.m. on Thursday.

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The health return for the week-end shows two cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one each of small-pox and diphtheria. All were Chinese.

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A rug belonging to Mr. Tafford: of No. 16 Knutsford Terrace, was stolen from the lawn in front of the house during the week-end. A report has been made to the police.

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This morning's Harbour Office return gave 74 vessels in harbour, of which 25 were British, with 14 arrivals and 11 departures. The British figures were six and two repectively.

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On Saturday night, the Hongkong A. D. C. concluded a very successful run of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" the final performance being well attended. At the fall of the curtain on the last scene, all the lady members of the cast were presented with bouquets.

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During the week-end, a theft was carried out in Dr. W. Leslie Thomas' surgery in Alexander's Building, where money amounting to $805 in notes, was taken from a drawer which was found to have been forced open when Dr. Thomas returned yesterday morning.

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Seventy rounds of rifle ammunition, found unclaimed in a passenger coach of the Canton train on Friday, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The ammunition was contained in a Chinese soldier's bandolier presumably having been left in the carriage by a military man from Canton.

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The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:— St. Albans, Amazone, Paul Lecat, Suisang, Gogra, Kueichow, Fooksang, Emil Kirdorf, Antung, Anhui, Kwangchow, Tjileboet, Tjipanas, Svale, West Niger, West Scquana, Menado Maru, Tsuruga Maru, Hozan Maru, Hakata Maru and Haruna Maru.

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Responding to a knock and to a shouted enquiry for her husband, whose name was mentioned, a Chinese woman living at No. 241, Portland Street, Yaumati, about noon yesterday, opened the door to admit four men. One of the men was known to her, having called at the house a number of times, but on this occasion he went there in the role of leader of a gang of armed robbers, and carried a revolver. Bound and gagged, the woman was driven into the kitchen. A search yielded a haul of money and jewellery to the value of $75, following which, the robbers made their escape.

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The evening services at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, yesterday were accompanied by an instrumental recital in honour of the centenary of the death of Beethoven, when excerpts from the composer's works were rendered. Those contributing were Mr. G. F. Longyear, Mrs. H. Balean, and Mrs. Griggs, organist of St. Peter's Church. The selections were very skilfully played, and the programme was brought to a fitting termination with Beethoven's anthem "The Heavens Proclaim Him." The Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie spoke on the life and character of the composer.

The collection was in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 26.
Paris	124.05
Brussels	34.94
Amsterdam	12.13¼
Berlin	20.47 13/16
Copenhagen	18.12½
Vienna	34.53
Helsingfors	192.70
Lisbon	2.33/64
Bucharest	738½
Buenos Aires	47.9/16
Shanghai	2/5½
Yokohama	2/0¼
New York	4.85¾
Geneva	25.24½
Milan	105¾
Stockholm	18.12½
Oslo	18.03
Prague	164
Madrid	27.11½
Athens	375
Rio	5.47/64
Bombay	1/6.15/16
Hongkong	1/11¾
Silver (spot)	25.11/16
Silver (forward)	25.1/16

—*British Wireless.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

PEAK TRAM FARES.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—The announcement that the Peak Tramway Company intends raising season ticket rates, is a matter which should, I think, be vigorously protested against by people who daily use the service.

The public tolerates a lot, but when a public service suddenly imposes a 33. 1/3% increase of rates without giving any reason, it is surely time that somebody told them that they had better reconsider their intention.

During the past few years, travellers have had much to put up with, what with alterations to stations, restricted services, etc., but those inconveniences were borne cheerfully in the belief that the system was to be modernised. The modernisation has now been achieved, and where one expected to find or hear that the new system was more economical to the Company and more satisfactory to its clients, evidence would tend to show that the latter desired state has certainly not been reached. The new cars are more difficult of access and egress, and, furthermore, they cannot apparently carry the number of passengers for which they were constructed. If the Company has made a mistake, surely it is not fair to push the financial burden on to the public. In any case, I have yet to learn that the financial state of the Peak Tram Company justifies the exorbitant increase now notified.

In conclusion, I would urge that other users of the Peak trams protest, and also the matter be taken up by the Peak and Mid-Levels Residents' Associations.

Thanking you to insert this letter in your valuable paper, and enclosing my card,—Yours etc.,

R. J. H.

Hongkong, March, 28th, 1927.

STOLEN CLOTHES.

CHINESE GETS THREE MONTHS.

On Friday last a Chinese boy appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for being in possession of a large quantity of clothing believed to be stolen. Sergeant Rozeskwy, who prosecuted, asked for a remand, until this morning.

When the case came up for hearing this morning, the police were able to produce the owner of the clothing.

Sergeant Rozeskwy told his Worship that when the defendant was questioned about the clothing, he was quite frank about it and told the police all he knew.

The story told by defendant to the police was that, together with two others, he had watched No. 77, Leighton Hill Road for some time. No. 77 was a new house and defendant knew that only a Chinese couple lived there. On the 23rd, he saw them leaving the house, so they went up and found that the door was locked on the outside. They broke the lock and, entering the house, stole some jewellery, money and clothing to the value of $158.50.

Defendant was arrested in Shaukiwan before a report was received by the police about the robbery. The clothing was found in his possession, but the jewellery stolen from the house had not yet been recovered. He had given all the assistance he could to the police, but they were not able to trace his accomplices.

Defendant, whose record showed that he was just out of gaol, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

WEST POINT FIRE.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN A GODOWN.

Overheating of a drying stove which set fire to a number of bags of tea is given as the cause of an extensive godown fire at West Point on Saturday afternoon. The godown is situated in Sai Yuen Lane, and the folks of a tea establishment on the first floor were disturbed from their evening meal about five o'clock when flames were seen at the end of the floor.

The fire spread quickly to the top storey where the living quarters of the coolies employed in the godown were situated. The Fire Brigade arrived promptly on the scene and checked the flames before the top floor suffered extensive damage.

Between twenty and thirty sacks of tea were destroyed, and while no official figures of damage are available it is interesting to note that the insurance on the goods amounted to nearly $10,000.

Large stocks of betel nuts, stored on the ground floor, were damaged by water.

The Very Idea!

A Parish Church had become vacant, and from the applicants for the post a short leet of three was drawn up.

One of these had preached at both diets, but, truth to tell, had not come up to expectations in his preaching, more especially to Tammas, the beadle.

Before leaving the session-house after the afternoon service, the candidate re-entered the church, remarking to the beadle:—"I want to have another look at your beautiful church before I go."

"Ay, tak' a guid look at it, sir," replied Tammas, dryly, "for it's no' likely ye'll ever see'd again!"

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He stood there by the old
front door.
Ah, he was just a sap.
Nobody came to answer,
'cause
He didn't give a rap.

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"Respectable women are often afraid to stop in front of drapers' and other shop windows for fear of being arrested by the police."

This remarkable statement was made by Mr. H. L. Cancellor, the Marlborough-street magistrate, who spoke on "Advertising as an Aid to the Repression of Crime" to members of the Publicity Club of London at the Hotel Cecil, Strand.

Mr. Cancellor was alluding to the growing number of young women and girls who, leaving sheltered homes, become criminals, and haunt the main streets of the West End.

"The fear of respectable women that they may be arrested in mistake for women of this type while gazing in shop windows is a great menace to trade," said Mr. Cancellor.

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Barrister at Bow County Court: Will you agree to what your wife said? Man: If it is in my favour.

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Walthamstow landlady of her lodger: I cannot say I hear him, but you can tell that he is swearing by the movement of his lips.

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Solicitor at Bow County Court: Why cannot you and your lodger live in peace? Landlady: Because we are both women; that is the answer.

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Derbyshire man: I deny that my dog is dangerous. I have him here, and can put him on evidence.

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From the classroom;—

A convert is a woman who lives in a big house and can't get out.

Cerberus is a famous brand of salt.

Goblin means a sort of tapestry or carpet.

A fugue is a man's deadly enemy.

A quadroon is a piece of money used by pirates.

Nimrod is a thing for cleaning guns with.

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Daniel Rudge, a seventeen-year-old District Messenger boy, left Waterloo by the Aquitania boat on a recent morning with half a dozen packages of "master" gramophone records for the Beethoven centenary celebrations in America next month. The discs, which have been insured for £5,000 by the Columbia Company, have been made in London by the Lener String Quartet, and thousands of records will be taken from them for distribution among colleges and schools in the United States during the festival week.

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Wireless is a stratagem for producing a monstrous national inactivity.—Mr. R. E. Stevenson.

Christ was quite original in affixing moral censure to worry and anxiety.—Dean Inge.

There are so few complaints that one may doubt whether the policeman is not the chrysalis form of the angelic forces which keep order in the billowy skies above.—Mr. Jack Hayes, M.P.

Far too many girls want to be private secretaries.—Dr. Westaway.

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When William's great aunt passed away all his poverty-sticken friends rallied round him with words of cheer and comfort. But William remained sad and dejected.

"She left a will and testament, I suppose?" murmured Sandy carelessly.

"Oh, yes," said William, "she left a will and testament."

They waited expectantly while sobs choked back his words. "I," he declared at last, "am to have the Testament."

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"What a beautiful coat, Claude; but I do feel an occasional pang for the poor animal skinned to get it."

"Thanks, that's very kind of you, Ellen."

Amongst the passengers who departed by the s.s. Haruna Maru were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Forbes, Admiral Hugo Lacerda, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Soares, Mrs. F. E. Nash and Mrs. J. C. Marks.

THE WORLD of SPORT.

RECREIO'S SECOND DEFEAT.

CHINESE ATHLETIC IN SECOND PLACE.

JUNIOR STRUGGLES.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Club de Recreio, the league champions, met with their second defeat on Saturday, the Royal Artillery scoring twice without reply.

Chinese Athletic jumped to second place in the table by reason of a victory over the Hongkong F. C., who are now out of the running.

In the Second Division the Royal Artillery Reserves dropped a valuable point, but the other candidates for the runners-up position, Kowloon Reserves and Chinese Athletic "A", were both successful.

The results were:

Senior League.

Chinese Ath.	2	H.K.F.C.	1
R. A.	2	Recreio	1

Junior League "A."

Chinese "A"	4	South China	0
H.K.F.C. Res.	1	Kowloon R.	4
Recreio Res.	2	R.A. Res.	2

Conditions Against Recreio.

Scoring twice in the second half, the Royal Artillery accomplished the best performance of the week-end in defeating the league winners, the Club de Recreio, by two goals to nil. On the heavy ground, the Recreio were at a disadvantage, and, though they had the better of the play in the opening half, the interval arrived with the score sheet blank.

Pulford netted from Leach's pass early in the second half, and before the end Silva failed to hold a shot by Leach, and Ward, running in, put the issue beyond doubt.

The Royal Artillery played a clever open game and were value for their success. Ward was a constant source of trouble to the Recreio defence, and the return to form of Leach introduced a new snap into the forward line.

Trim and Excell defended well, and Stanton brought off a great save from Gosano in the first half, which had a material effect on the remainder of the game.

Gosano was not his usual self, Fuller as often as not having the better of their frequent tussles.

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Club's Chances Gone.

By losing to the Chinese Athletic on the Club ground on Saturday, the H.K.F.C. put themselves out of the running for runners-up. The Chinese Athletic were the better team on the day's play, though the first goal, which decided the issue, was extremely lucky.

The Club's setback occurred when the game was but a few minutes old. A lobbing centre was misjudged and the ball rolled off Howell's back into the net.

The Chinese played up strongly, but over-elaboration in front of goal spoilt many likely-looking efforts. Having apparently taken a lesson from their defeat by Scotland, the Chinese played the short-passing game, and frequently had the Club defenders guessing. Rodger brought off several brilliant saves from close range shots.

Alexander scored a clever goal to equalise matters, but Wong Pak-cheong secured the winning goal before the end.

Rodger, McBride, Howard and Alexander were outstanding for the Club, while the Chinese were best served by Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat, Wong Shui-wa, and Suen Kam-shun.

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With The Juniors.

Kowloon Reserves defeated the Hongkong F.C. Reserves by four goals to one. Vickars and Pasco scored for Kowloon in the first half and just before the interval, Pile shot wide from the penalty spot. Vickars and Eastmen put Kowloon further ahead, Pile scored for the Club, and a penalty kick awarded against the Club was missed by Knight.

The Chinese Athletic "A" were easy winners over South China Reserves. Li Ping-tong, Chen Sui-hong, Chan Woon-yin and Lo Chi-ting scored the four goals.

The missing of a penalty by Jobe robbed the R.A. Reserves of a point at the Recreio ground. At the same time the visitors were somewhat fortunate in levelling up after being two down at the interval. Pereira and Basto scored for the Recreio Reserves in the first half, while lasting better on the heavy ground, Jobe and Whittington netted for the R.A. Reserves in the second half.

Senior League.

Recreio	13	9	2	2	35	17	20
Chinese Ath.	13	6	4	3	20	23	16
Police	14	6	3	5	11	14	15
Kowloon	13	6	2	5	23	14	14
K.O.S.B.	14	6	2	6	20	19	14
R. A.	14	6	2	6	20	19	14
H.K.F.C.	12	5	1	6	14	17	11
South China	13	2	0	11	6	26	4

Junior League "A."

K.O.S.B.	16	15	1	0	58	12	31
R. A. Res.	16	10	2	4	27	15	22
Chinese "A"	16	10	2	4	35	21	22
Kowloon	15	8	3	4	29	15	19
Recreio	16	5	5	6	29	30	15
St. Joseph's	15	6	2	7	31	19	14
H.K.F.C.	14	5	2	7	19	26	12
University	14	5	0	9	19	19	10
South China	15	3	0	12	8	47	6
Chinese "B"	16	0	1	15	8	56	1

Junior League "B."

* St. Joseph's	15	12	2	1	51	16	26
* Moslems	15	12	0	3	37	13	24
Chinese "A"	14	7	2	5	17	15	16
Boy Scouts	14	7	1	6	20	30	15
Bank	14	5	1	8	17	31	11
Chinese "B"	14	5	0	9	19	24	10
South China	14	3	0	11	16	38	6
Kowloon	14	2	1	11	16	31	5

* Played off for championship.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE TAIKOO CHALLENGE CUP.

The fourteenth competition for the Taikoo Volunteer Challenge Cup, between the staffs of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Taikoo Sugar Refinery, Taikoo Dockyard, and the China Navigation Co., Ltd., took place on the Taikoo Range, Quarry Bay, on Sunday morning. The following practices were carried out:

1.—200 yards, deliberate, 4ft. Musketry target.
2.—200 yards, snap-shooting, 22 inch. Snap-shooting target.
3.—300 yards, snap-shooting, 4 ft. Musketry target.
4.—300 yards, rapid, 4 ft. Musketry target.
5.—500 yards, deliberate, 6 ft. Musketry target.

The total possible number of points was 110.

There were 13 competitors, and after a keen contest, Mr. W. E. Price won with a net score of 81 which with a handicap of four, gave him an aggregate of 85.

The second prize (kindly presented by Mr. G. M. Young) was won by Mr. A. MacIndoe, with a gross score of 79. Mr. K. Boulton and third, his score being 79 (Handicap 12).

The cup, presented by Mr. G. W. Swire, is a very handsome one of English silver and has to be won three times to become the property of the holder. Each year's winner is presented with a miniature replica and has his name engraved on the cup stand.

Previous winners have been Messrs. B. F. Chapman, W. M. Scott (twice), D. Young, W. Budge, H. T. Heath, G. E. Stewart, W. J. Eldridge (twice), and C. H. Summers (twice) and M. A. A. MacKintosh.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI against the K.O.S.B.'s on Wednesday at 5.15 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground:—F. H. Holdman, Major J. P. S. Greig, R.E., Rev. N. Evans, A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, R. K. Valentine, Capt. J. H. C. Walker, R.A.M.C., W. Woodward and G. P. Lammert.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI against H.M.S. Tamar and small ships on Friday April 1st at 5.15 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground:—O. Eager, A. A. Dand, D. Lyon, Major J. P. S. Greig, R.E., E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, R. K. Valentine, W. Woodward, Capt. E. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E., and G. P. Lammert.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB TEAM FOR TO-DAY.

The Club will be represented by the following side against E.R.A. to-day, at 5.30 p.m. at Happy Valley:—Easterbrook; Lammert, Wright, Wales, Pritchard; Mills, McKay; Foster, Akehurst, Proes, Southam, M. Smith, Treyes, Beveridge and Garrard.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE RESULTS AND TABLES.

Division I.

Bury	3	Burnley	3
Everton	2	Sheffield U.	0
Huddersfield	1	Liverpool	0
Leicester	1	Derby C.	1
Wednesday	2	Manchester U.	0
Sunderland	6	Leeds Un.	2
Tottenham	0	Aston Villa	1
West Brom.	4	Newcastle	2
West Ham	4	Bolton W.	4

Newcastle	33	20	5	8	79	47	45
Huddersf'ld.	34	15	14	5	69	49	44
Sunderland	35	17	6	12	82	61	40
Burnley	34	16	8	10	79	63	40
West Ham	34	17	5	12	67	52	39
Leicester	34	15	9	10	78	62	39
Aston Villa	35	17	5	13	72	68	39
Bolton	33	13	9	11	60	46	35
Liverpool	34	15	5	14	56	49	35
Blackburn	34	14	6	14	68	78	34
Tottenham	34	12	9	13	61	63	33
Cardiff	33	12	8	13	43	49	32
Wednesday	35	12	8	15	60	78	32
Arsenal	32	11	9	12	55	65	31
Sheffield Un.	33	11	9	13	53	73	31
Derby	34	14	2	18	68	58	30
Manch. Un.	34	11	8	15	43	58	30
Bury	33	10	9	14	55	61	29
Birmingham	32	13	3	16	42	55	29
Everton	36	11	7	18	59	81	29
West Brom.	34	9	6	19	57	74	24
Leeds	34	8	8	18	53	69	24

Division II.

Barnsley	4	Wolves	1
Blackpool	3	Chelsea	1
Darlington	2	Clapton O.	1
Grimsby	4	Bradford C.	2
Manchester C.	4	Notts County	1
Notts Forest	3	Hull City	1
Oldham	1	Port Vale	3
Portsmouth	0	Middlesbro	1
Swansea	2	South Shields	0

Middlesbro	34	22	7	5	103	52	51
Manch. City	33	19	5	9	84	50	43
Notts For.	34	16	11	7	65	44	43
Preston	33	17	9	7	65	50	43
Chelsea	32	18	7	7	55	41	43
Portsmouth	32	17	7	8	59	38	41
Hull City	34	17	6	11	49	39	40
Swansea	33	14	9	10	55	49	37
South'pton	31	14	7	10	50	43	35
Blackpool	34	14	6	14	72	66	34
Port Vale	33	11	11	11	64	64	33
Barnsley	33	12	8	13	65	73	32
Oldham	34	14	4	16	55	71	32
Sth. Shields	32	10	8	14	58	64	28
Wolves	32	10	7	15	61	57	27
Reading	30	11	5	14	49	53	27
Notts County	34	11	5	18	56	75	27
Grimsby	33	9	8	16	59	76	26
Fulham	33	8	8	17	38	70	24
Darlington	33	9	4	20	58	76	22
Clapton	33	7	6	20	42	80	20
Bradford C.	34	4	8	22	36	67	16

Division III (*South*).

Aberdare	3	Exeter	1
Bournemouth	0	Millwall	1
Bristol C.	1	Brentford	0
Charlton	5	Northampton	2
Coventry	1	Norwich	0
Crystal P.	1	Luton	1
Gillingham	0	Merthyr	1
Newport	5	Swindon	3
Plymouth	3	Bristol R.	2
Q. P. Rangers	2	Brighton	2
Watford	4	Southend	2

Bristol C.	32	22	7	3	88	43	51
Brighton	34	18	9	7	70	37	45
Millwall	33	18	8	7	67	39	44
Plymouth	32	17	9	6	74	52	43
Swindon	34	18	7	9	82	62	43
Newport	33	19	3	11	56	57	41
Crystal Pal.	33	16	7	10	69	59	39
Bournem'th	34	14	7	13	68	58	35
Luton	34	11	13	10	54	56	35
Exeter	34	13	8	13	65	62	34
Brentford	31	12	7	12	63	54	31
Charlton	33	12	7	14	49	50	31
Southend	34	12	5	17	57	65	29
Coventry	34	13	3	18	57	76	29
Bristol Rov.	33	11	6	16	53	66	28
Norwich	33	10	8	15	51	62	28
Merthyr	33	10	6	17	53	67	26
Watford	34	11	4	19	48	71	26
Gillingham	33	9	7	17	40	53	25
Northants	34	10	5	19	47	74	25
Q. P. R.	33	8	8	17	48	68	24
Aberdare	34	7	6	21	52	83	20

Division III (*North*).

Ashington	1	Lincoln C.	2
Bradford	4	Hartlepools	1
Chesterfield	2	Halifax	0
Doncaster	3	Rochdale	2
Nelson	3	Barrow	0
N. Brighton	0	Accrington	1
Rotherham	1	Stockport	2
Stoke City	4	Southport	0
Walsall	2	Crewe	3
Wigan	1	Tranmere	1
Wrexham	3	Durham	1

Stoke	34	22	8	4	78	30	52
Nelson	32	20	6	6	88	49	46
Rochdale	34	20	6	8	84	54	46
Bradford	34	19	7	8	76	45	45
Halifax	33	18	9	6	61	41	45
* Stockport	33	19	5	9	75	52	41
Tranmere	33	15	6	12	67	56	36
N. Brighton	33	13	10	10	60	51	36
Chesterfield	32	15	4	13	74	59	34
Doncaster	31	13	8	10	57	53	34
Lincoln	34	10	11	13	68	65	31
Hartlepools	34	13	4	17	54	62	30
Walsall	32	11	7	14	55	60	29
Wrexham	33	10	8	15	53	58	28
Rotherham	35	9	10	16	62	76	28
Wigan	35	10	8	18	57	72	27
Crewe	32	9	8	15	54	61	26
Southport	31	9	8	14	53	64	26
Ashington	33	8	10	15	43	76	26
Accrington	34	8	6	20	54	82	22
Durham	33	8	5	20	40	81	21
Barrow	33	5	7	21	27	90	17

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CHR. LEM, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1927.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CARDIFF AND ARSENAL REACH CUP FINAL.

London, Mar. 26.

The Arsenal and Cardiff City qualified for the final of the English Cup to-day, ninety-five thousand spectators witnessing the games. The results were:

The Arsenal	2	Southampton	1
Cardiff C.	3	Reading	0

The match between the Arsenal and Southampton was played at Stamford Bridge before 55,000 spectators, while 40,000 saw Cardiff eliminate Reading from the competition at the Molyneux ground, Wolverhampton.

The Arsenal have never previously reached the final stage, but Cardiff City got through in 1924-25 when Sheffield United defeated them by the only goal of the game. The final this year is to be played at the Stadium, Wembley on April 23rd.

East Fife Defeat Partick Thistle.

East Fife provided the sensation of the Scottish Cup semi-finals. They eliminated Partick Thistle at Edinburgh. Celtic won a grim battle with Falkirk by the only goal of the game. The results were:

Celtic	1	Falkirk	0
East Fife	2	Partick	1

The final between East Fife and Glasgow Celtic is to be played on April 16th.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	2	Dundee Un.	2
Clyde	0	Cowdenbeath	2
Dundee	1	Kilmarnock	2
Dunfermline	3	St. Mirren	1
Hamilton	1	Queen's Park	5
St. Johnstone	0	Motherwell	1

—*Reuter*

Stockport Heavily Fined.

An English Football League Commission sitting at Manchester to-day fined Stockport County £25 and deducted two points from their record for playing an ineligible player against Stoke City on March 19th. Stockport were also fined £100 for acting contrary to the instructions of the League.—*Reuter.*

His Excellency the Governor and party are to attend the Philharmonic Society's performance of "H. M. S. Pinafore" on Monday, April 4th. The Society's orchestra has been augmented by members of the band of the 2nd Batt. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the orchestration of the overture, which was missing from the band parts on arrival, has been undertaken by Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A. R. C. M., the Bandmaster of the Battalion. The orchestra will be under the baton of Mr. W. R. Fleming.

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The *Hongkong Telegraph* offers a prize of $25 to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts (provided that number is eight or more) of the English and Scottish League and Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 2nd) set out in the coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws. All entries must reach this office not later than noon on Saturday, April 2nd.

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Liverpool	v	Sunderland.
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DIVISION II.

Wolves	v	Manch. City.
Orient	v	Portsmouth.

DIVISION III (SOUTH).

Bristol R.	v	Newport.
Southend	v	Crystal P.

DIVISION III (NORTH).

Crewe	v	Nelson.
Rochdale	v	Stoke.

Scottish League.

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VARSITY SPORTS.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD EASILY.

London, March 26.

At Queen's Club to-day, in the annual Inter-Varsity sports, Cambridge University defeated Oxford by nine events to two.—*Reuter.*

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1927.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1927.

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GRAVE CHINESE SITUATION.

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his escort, and that the Japanese Consul had also been murdered. This, fortunately, later turned out to be incorrect, but Doctor Williams, a resident of Nanking, had been murdered in cold blood.

When the Cantonese commander failed to turn up the naval commanders were in a difficult position, for although the majority of foreigners were safe, ten British and about one hundred Americans, reported to be missionaries, and their families, remained somewhere in the city and their fate was unknown. Moreover, there were the British Consul who was known to be wounded, the Japanese Consul, whose fate was uncertain, and their escort. It was impossible to land a sufficient force from the ships to storm the walled city, and it was likewise impossible to bombard the military positions in the darkness. Therefore, after ten o'clock, an ultimatum was sent to Pei Chen-wei, ordering him to deliver all remaining foreigners on the bund before ten o'clock the following morning, otherwise the commanders threatened to take most drastic measures.

Snipers.

During most of these proceedings the warships were freely sniped by the Cantonese troops from both sides of the river, one bluejacket being killed on the Emerald.

In the morning no reply was received to the ultimatum. Admiral Hough arrived to take command of the American forces. From consultations which were held between him and the British Senior Naval officials, the American Admiral was strongly impressed with the gravity of the situation, so that he cabled to the American Commander-in-Chief at Shanghai that he considered that if concrete action were not taken immediately the lives of the remaining American and British subjects would be lost. He recommended shelling of military points.

Such action was approved jointly by the British and American Commanders-in-Chief at Shanghai, and a final warning to this effect was sent to the Cantonese Commander.

At six o'clock Friday evening it was announced that Mr. Giles (slightly wounded), Captain Spear and the whole Consular party, including the Marines, also the wounded, had been handed over by the Cantonese commander and that drastic action had been postponed.—*British Wireless.*

American Consul's Dramatic Story.

Shanghai, Mar. 26, 11.15 a.m.

Mr. Davis, the American Consul at Nanking, has wirelessed to Peking the following story of his escape:

"About noon on Thursday, after the British and Japanese Consulates had been attacked and the Consuls reported killed (this is not confirmed); and after I had known of the cold-blooded murder of an American missionary and the attempted murder of many others, all by mercenary soldiers, the Chinese Police informed me that we would be destroyed unless we escaped.

"Accordingly, our party, consisting of an officer, eleven soldiers, nine civilians and two children, escaped under constant fire across country to Socony House, on Socony Hill, where many Americans and Britishers already were.

"Although repeatedly robbed and threatened by Nationalist soldiers, I, the Vice-Consul and Socony Manager managed to keep them out of the house for two hours. Finally they broke in, but, seeing our numbers, retired and commenced firing on us in ever increasing numbers.

"The British and American warships then dropped shells immediately around the house and we escaped over the city wall and reached the river. The American Consulate was then forced by Nationalist soldiers and is reported by Chinese as thoroughly looted."—*Reuter.*

More Foreigners Killed.

Shanghai, Mar. 26, 4.55 p.m.

Besides the Kungwo refugees 80 arrived on board the Wenchow.

It is now ascertained that two French fathers and another Briton, Mr. Hubert, Harbour Master, have been killed; and that two more Americans—Miss Moffatt and one Bluejacket—were wounded.—*Reuter.*

Eugene Chen's Anxiety.

Shanghai, Mar. 25, 12.50 p.m.

According to a wireless message from Hankow yesterday, Mr. Eugene Chen has urgently made representations to the Nationalist military authorities regarding the Nanking situation, urging that the utmost be done to extricate foreigners remaining in the city.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Reports.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 2.15 a.m.

A Japanese from Nanking, describing the outrage at the Japanese Consulate, where numbers of his nationals gathered prior to the evacuation, says that early on Thursday morning about one hundred and fifty uniformed Southerners besieged the Consulate, which they proceeded to loot.

In the meantime they were firing at refugees and manhandling the womenfolk. They assaulted the Japanese Consul-General, who was lying ill in bed, bayonetted two of the Consular officials, and even tried to set fire to the building.

The looting was most complete. They took anything they could lay their hands on, and the outrage only came to an end when a Kuomintang official arrived in answer to a telephone call for assistance.

A further message from the same source says that another American was killed at the Nanking University, but this probably refers to Miss Moffet, who was wounded. A Japanese was killed by a stray bullet.

The Nationalist Army is now using Nanking University as its headquarters.

The Catholic Church at Nanking has been looted and burned down.—*Reuter.*

Pukow Residents.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 12.25 p.m.

All foreigners at Pukow, just on the opposite side of the river from Nanking, are safe.—*Reuter.*

Question of Compensation.

Tokyo, March 27.

The Japanese authorities at Shanghai have been instructed to negotiate with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek demanding a guarantee for the safety of Japanese life and property and also demanding compensation for losses at Nanking.

It is believed that the negotiations will be carried out in conjunction with the British and Americans.—*Reuter.*

President Optimistic.

Washington, March 26.

President Coolidge believes that the American naval forces now in Chinese waters are adequate for the protection of Americans in the existing situation. American naval officers on the scene have assured him that the outlook in Shanghai is less tense and, although serious trouble is still brewing in Nanking, that no future outbursts of Cantonese irregulars or soldiers is in immediate prospect.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"Outrageous and Unprovoked Attack."

Peking, March 26.

The American Legation wired to the Hankow Consul yesterday evening instructing him to call on Mr. Eugene Chen and protest strongly against "the outrageous and unprovoked attack and killing of American citizens by Nationalist forces," and urge Mr. Chen to take every possible measure for the relief of Americans still in Nanking.—*Reuter.*

American Indignation.

Washington, March 27, 6.25 a.m.

The American masses who were indifferent to the financial loss of powerful commercial interests in China are fired with intense indignation at the horrors committed at Nanking, the outrages on women, the shooting of foreigners and the burning of American institutions.

China is the pre-eminent topic ousting from the front page murder and love dramas, even in the most sensational newspapers, which are giving prominence to messages from London referring to intimate Anglo-American co-operation, notably the speech of Mr. Churchill last night alluding to the Coldstreams standing shoulder to shoulder with American marines.

The cinemas are featuring pictures of war scenes wherein the appearance of British troops is invariably greeted by enthusiastic cheers.

It is freely admitted that the presence of troops probably prevented Shanghai from going down in a welter of rapine and bloodshed.

Official concern is illustrated by President Coolidge's unusual action in telephoning the Navy Department during the night, requesting the latest news and instructing all despatches to be sent to the White House immediately.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Commendable Restraint.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 12.20 a.m.

A petition is being widely signed by British and non-British residents, as well as French residents of the French Concession, asking that the defence of the Concession be placed in the hands of General Sir John Duncan.

At present the defence arrangements are under the control of the Municipality, but it is the general desire of residents that there should be single control, the commander to be either General Duncan, or at least a French military officer. There are a large amount of British property and hundreds of British and American residents in the French Concession.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 11.40 a.m.

The great restraint displayed by the British troops is revealed by the fact that official reports show that only forty-nine rounds were fired, resulting in forty-three casualties, throughout the worst time on the northern border of the International Settlement, namely the night of March 21, when two thousand Chinese troops tried to break through.

Not a single shot has been fired since.

Though the Coldstream Guards' posts in outlying districts have been continually fired on by invisible snipers, the latter are now being gradually mopped up by the Coldstreamers, acting in co-operation with the Police, as the result of raids wherein only truncheons are employed.—*Reuter.*

Devons Arrive.

Shanghai, March 27.

The Devonshires from Hongkong have arrived, also His Majesty's Argus.—*Reuter.*

Chiang in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Mar. 25, 12.50 p.m.

Chang Kai-shek left for Nanking from Wuhu yesterday morning and is understood to have arrived yesterday evening.—*Reuter.*

Surprise Arrival in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Mar. 26, 4.55 p.m.

General Chang Kai-shek, in view of his desire to get quickly into touch with the foreign authorities, only stopped in Nanking a short time and came on to Shanghai. He arrived on board the Chinese warship Chu-yu.—*Reuter.*

A Mild Sensation.

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 1.15 a.m.

Marshal Chang Kai-shek did land at Nanking, but he made only a short stay as he considered the situation to be unimportant.

It is understood that Marshal Chang Kai-shek intends to remain for a fortnight investigating the question of the relations between the Powers and the Nationalists and directing the consolidation of his power in this region.

He created a mild sensation after his arrival by motoring through the French Concession accompanied by armed guards. He entered a street near the border and drove for a few blocks but returned to Chinese territory explaining that his chauffeur misunderstood directions. Later the Senior Consul (Norwegian), the Soviet Consul, and high French and International police officials called on him.—*Reuter.*

Northern Cruiser Attacks Southerner at Woosung.

Shanghai, March 27, 12.25 p.m.

A clash between a warship of the Chinese Northern fleet from Tsingtao and one of the Southern cruisers took place in the Woosung estuary of the Yangtsze, this morning eight miles from Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

Later, 8.15 p.m.

H.M.S. Argus, lying off Woosung had an excellent view of the unique spectacle offered by the Chinese naval action, as it was used as a screen by one of the participants in the dash of the North cruiser Haichi which arrived early in the morning from Tsingtao and at daylight proceeded to shell the cruiser Haichou belonging to the Yangtse squadron which recently went over to the South.

Steaming up and down past the Argus the Haichi fired broadsides each time she emerged from behind the shelter of the British vessel.

As far as was observable from the latter the Haichou, which was lying at anchor, was hit thrice. The Haichi then steamed off to sea followed by the Haichou which weighed anchor and gave chase, joined by the Nationalist cruiser Yingjui from Whangpo.

The three ships then disappeared seaward in a cloud of smoke and have not since been heard of.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH LINER RE-FLOATED.

"PAUL LECAT" LEAVING FOR FRANCE.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

The Messageries Maritimes s.s. Paul Lecat, which went ashore about fourteen miles from Woosung when on her way to Japan on March 8th, has been re-floated.

The Paul Lecat is proceeding home to-day.—*Reuter.*

SINGAPORE INCIDENT.

BOYCOTT OF TROLLEY BUSES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Mar. 20.

The Chinese are boycotting the trolley buses as a sequel, it is believed, to the recent shooting outside Kreta Ayer Police Station.

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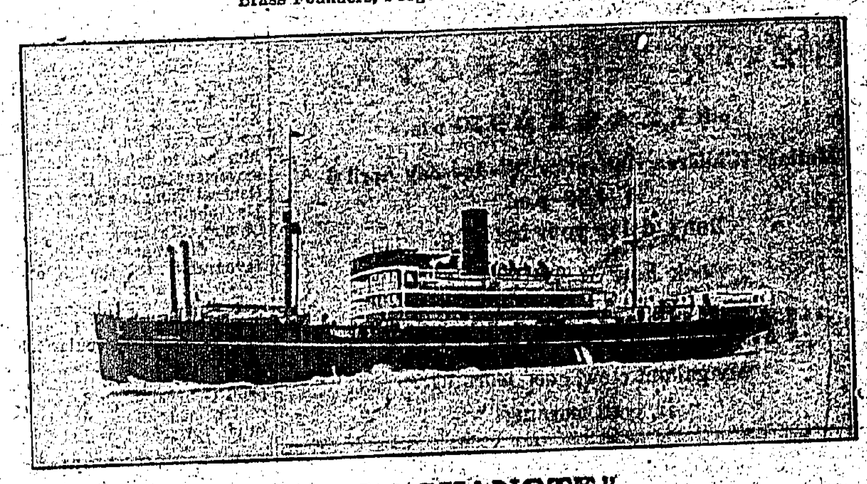

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CHANG TSO-LIN SPEAKS.

An Important Declaration.

Peking, Mar. 27.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin, interviewed by foreign correspondents on Saturday, declared that when he came to Peking he saw the Foreign Ministers and emphasised to them the dangers of mob movements and the yielding to violence. He regretted the Nanking affair, but he thought that the wavering of all the Powers was partly responsible. They had not heeded his warnings and had yielded step by step to the Cantonese at Hankow, Kiukiang and elsewhere. He declared that the Nanking affair was due to the premeditated plan of agitators and he was afraid that the same trouble as at Nanking was unavoidable at Shanghai in the near future.

Will Fight Bolshevists.

He feared that disorder could not be stopped until the Bolshevists had been repaid for the time and money spent on their propaganda. He said that the Chinese were not anti-foreign but had been egged on by Bolshevists with whom he could not compromise. He would not stand their violence here in Peking, but would fight them to the end. He gave his assurance that he would protect to the utmost of his ability the interests of lives and property at places under his control and he would hold himself personally responsible therefor. He agreed with the South as regards the revision of the treaties but he differed from their methods which were contrary to international law. He would use diplomatic means and not violence.

Questioned as regards breaking off relations with the Soviet, Marshal Chang Tso-lin said that he could not decide that until he had again consulted the Foreign Ministers and unless the Powers were favourable to the step he wished to take. He would call again on Ministers to seek their views on this matter.

Pleased With War Results.

He declared that the war situation was developing favourably. Honan and Kaifeng were again in the hands of the Fengtien forces and a junction of the Shantung and Chihli allies was nearly effected along the Lungchai railway. The situation in Manchuria was well in hand. He had 140,000 troops there not mobilised. He declared that as long as North China was in his hands, there was no need for the Powers to send more troops there. The arrest of suspicious persons in Peking and elsewhere and the other drastic measures taken to preserve order should be a sufficient guarantee. He pointed out that there were no strikes in Peking and none threatened.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin alleged that a peace parley with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang was not likely to lead to anything. He declared that "as long as the Russians remain in command of the South we cannot negotiate." He said he had already drawn attention to the Red Russians who differed from the White Russians in the Northern army, as the latter were purely soldiers while the Reds were carrying on propaganda. He intended to draw the attention of Ministers to the activities of Mr. Tom Mann and "other foreigners who come to China for the purposes of agitation."

In conclusion he declared that he needed foreign co-operation and that the foreigners needed his help.—*Reuter.*

TANG AND CHIANG.

A Reconciliation Urged.

According to Chinese reports, General Li Chai-sum and Hsang Shao-hung are sending personal delegates up to Changsha to call on General Tang Sang-chi asking him not to join the Reds in the movement against the moderates. General Tang is asked to continue his obedience toward Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and to sink their differences, which are unfavourable to the Kuomintang party in general.

Kuomintang moderates in Canton state that General Tang Sang-chi has issued a circular telegram pledging his loyalty and obedience to Marshal Chiang. In this statement General Tang denied the recent rumour of his unfriendly attitude towards Marshal Chiang.

EFFECT ON EXCHANGE.

Dependent on Events.

The effect on exchange of the capture of Shanghai by Nationalist forces depends upon whether or not there is fighting between these forces and the foreign troops which are protecting the International and French settlements.

This is the consensus in banking circles of Manila, says the *Manila Bulletin*. If there is no trouble the exchange will weaken—that is the value of the tael in dollars gold will decrease. If there is fighting the tael should increase in value. This latter reaction is expected as a sympathetic reaction in case of trouble. Should there be no fighting, large shipments of dollars now held up in Shanghai will be sent into the interior, say bankers.

ROBBERY TRIAL.

THREE MEN SENTENCED TO-DAY.

Four Chinese appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, on various counts of robbery, receving stolen property, and assisting robbers, in connexion with a robbery at 6, West Street, Quarry Bay, second floor, on February 19th. It was stated that a woman occupant was gagged with a potato, which caused her jaw to be dislocated.

Three of the prisoners pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery, and his Lordship sentenced each of them to five years' hard labour, and directed that they be taken away, but kept on the Court premises, until the trial of the first prisoner was completed.

The trial of the first prisoner was then proceeded with. He was charged with robbery, receiving stolen property, and harbouring the other men knowing them to have committed the offence. Prisoner denied all charges.

The Attorney General, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., prosecuting for the Crown, said four men entered the house, and gagged a woman with a potato, dislocating her jaw. Her daughter was also secured, and the men got away with various articles including hats, coats, silk jackets, bangles and earrings.

The first prisoner was arrested and was found to be in possession of two pawntickets relating to articles stolen in the robbery. In his statement at the Police Station, he said he knew the men were going to rob, but denied taking part himself. At the Central Magistracy he said he was given some money to keep his mouth shut. He alleged that he was implicated by the others because he pointed them out to the police.

The case is proceeding.

"HAD TO FIRE."

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in weight. Others were kicking him.

Witness saw armed men coming to the rescue. After some shots had been fired, he saw Inspector Dale walk to the door and shout something to the constables in Malay after which the constables stepped back and there was silence for a while. Mr. Dale then sat down again, and there was more howling and a band started playing. This was followed by more firing. He heard no order for firing given and could not say whether such order was given or not. Mr. Dale again went to the door and shouted to his men in the same manner as he did when the first firing occurred. Several Europeans then drove up in motor cars, one of whom spoke to the native police who immediately afterwards lined up two deep. Witness then took Mr. Dale to hospital.

Firing Justified.

Asked if he could express any opinion as to whether the lives of the people in the station were in danger, witness replied that they certainly were. He came to that conclusion by reason of the attitude of the Chinese when they attacked the Bengali constable. He heard no orders given in English to fire. There was so much noise that he would not have heard such an order had it been given. He thought that Inspector Dale was so seriously injured that he was unable to take proper command of the station. He thought that, judging by the temper of the crowd, some of them would have stopped at nothing. He felt that they were going to rush the station and such a small number of men, even armed with rifles, could not have held out for long. He thought the firing was justified.

The hearing was adjourned.

"Oh, I can tell as good a lie here as in the box," said Robert Melver, 61, when invited to give evidence at Liverpool Assizes in a charge of burglary on which he was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment.

When 28 cyclists were fined for infringment of the new Birmingham by-law which prohibits hanging on moving vehicles it was stated that the law was passed as much in the interests of cyclists as of vehicle drivers.

A signed autograph letter by Lord Nelson from the Victory, and dated Oct. 15, 1805, within a week of his death, to one of his captains, was sold among historical documents at Messrs. Sotheby's last month.

RESOLUTE ARRIVES.

TOURISTS' STAY IN HONGKONG.

A rather short stay in Hongkong is being made by the s.s. Resolute, the world cruising liner, which berthed at Kowloon yesterday morning, and is due to leave for the north at six o'clock to-morrow evening. During her stay, Mr. I. P. Bourne, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Tourist Bureau, will be responsible for entertainment and excursion arrangements, and yesterday saw many tourists making car trips round the New Territories. Parties also visited the Peak and Repulse Bay. Others made their customary shopping rounds.

The Resolute, which is under the aegis of the United American Lines, is now engaged on her fourth trip round the world. She was specially designed for service in the tropics and meets the requirements of a world cruise in every detail. Every comfort is to be found on board, while a gymnasium and swimming pool provide ample recreation.

The Resolute has so far called at Madeira, Gibraltar, Algeria, Monte Carlo, Naples, Athens, the Holy Land, Egypt, India, Ceylon, Burma, Sumatra, Java, Singapore, Bangkok, Borneo, Zamboanga, and Manila. From here she will proceed to Formosa, Shanghai, Peking, Korea, Japan, Hawaii, California, through the Panama Canal to Cuba, and thence back to New York. This will make a cruise of 138 days, visiting 25 countries, 37 ports, 59 cities, and 37,511 miles on sea and land.

It is stated that Mr. E. Prizer, chairman of the board of directors of the Vacuum Oil Company is on board. Mr. Prizer, who is 71 years old, made rapid progress in the oil industry, becoming Vice-President of the Company in 1917 and Chairman of the Directors in 1924. A reception in honour of Mr. Prizer and his daughter was held at the Army and Navy Club on Friday by the manager of the Manila branch.

An American by birth, Princess Miguel of Braganza, wife of the Prince of Braganza, member of the former Portuguese royal family, is also one of the tourists.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

DAIRY FARM AND WATSON'S

The general meetings of shareholders of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., and Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., were held on Saturday. The Chairman's speeches were reported in our issue of that day.

At the Dairy Farm meeting, there were present, in addition to the Chairman (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. A. S. Cousland, J. J. Paterson and B. Montague Ede, (Directors). The shareholders present were:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, C. G. Alabaster, F. C. Stokes, H.W. Page, J.H. Ruttonjee, O. Kitchell, W. Van Epps, A. A. Alves, W. MacFarlane, C. Makeham, D. McWhirter, Chan Tong, Chan Nai-pan, Yung Yeung-shi; also Messrs. A. Stevenson (Manager), and J. D. Thomson (acting secretary).

In seconding the adoption of the report, Mr. Bailey congratulated the Directors on the excellent report which was presented, especially under the conditions which have prevailed during the period under review.

There being no questions, the report was carried unanimously.

Mr. Page proposed and Mr. Stokes seconded that the Hon. Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Mr. B. Montague Ede be re-elected Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. Makeham, seconded by Mr. MacFarlane.

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.

Supporting Mr. Henry Humphreys (Chairman) at Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's meeting were Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. J. Paterson, H. P. White (directors), J. A. Tarrant (secretary), D. Wilson, C. B. Brooke, W. Morley, H. Ruttonjee, W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, D. E. Clark, J. M. Wong, J. D. Humphreys, A. Stevenson and C. P. Marcal (shareholders).

The annual report was unanimously carried, Mr. Brooke seconding its adoption.

On the proposition of Mr. W. S. Bailey, the retiring directors were re-elected and Sir Shouson Chow's appointment on the board was confirmed.

Messrs. Bernard Brown and S. T. Butlin were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. Clark seconded by Mr. Stapleton.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready.

The death has occurred at Mudeford, Christchurch, of Capt. Henry Arthur Beverley Shrubb, R.N., who for 12 years was secretary of the Hampshire Division of the National Unionist Association.

Entertainments.

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The chief roles are played by the beautiful Vilma Banky as the heroine and Ronald Colman as the hero. They each score a big triumph for their clever acting, and are ably supported by a strong cast. The picture is one which should not be missed.

Last night, at the 9.20 session, there was a special attraction provided, when a splendid concert was given by the massed bands of the 1st. Cameronians and the 1st. Middlesex Battalions. The programme was of a most attractive character concluding with the fantasia, "The Battle of Waterloo," which was extremely effective. The high standard of merit shown by the bands was much commented on, whilst the enterprise of the Theatre management in arranging the concert was much appreciated by the packed house.